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REDS START NANKING OFFENSIVE

Fighting Resumes As Govt Considers New Peace Moves

Warplanes Active

Nanking, January 7.

Disregarding Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's peace overtures, the Communist armies in North Anhwei were reliably reported by military sources here today to have begun their expected offensive against the Nationalist forces defending the Nanking-Shanghai area.

Fighting at the outposts along the Huai River, 110 miles North of Nanking, was reported in unconfirmed despatches.

The Nanking evening newspaper, Kiangnan, said that the Nationalist Air Force was today engaged in operations along the Huai, assisting the ground forces. Mosquito and Mustang planes were seen heading from the capital.

Part of one Communist column was reported to have crossed the Huai river, South West of Hsuyuan, a little West of Peking, and to be engaging the Nationalist outposts.

The main Communist force said to be deployed with six identified columns on the North West bank of the Nationalist outposts, indicating the likelihood of a drive South to the result in Nanking's encirclement.

Three other columns were drawn up on the North bank of the Huai river, facing the spread-out of the Nationalist outposts.

The Nationalist military spokesmen continued that the fighting was in progress between the Communist columns under General Chen Yi and the Hsuehwei garrison, estimated at 200,000 men, under the Nationalist General Tu Yu-ming, encircled for nearly two months South West of that city.

Unofficial sources said that the Nationalist forces were holding the line, but that they were being attacked by eight Communist columns, each of about divisional strength.

Hope Fades

One unofficial estimate said that 40 men were being killed by every Communist shell that exploded in the Nationalist trenches. The garrison was still 60 miles North West of the main Nationalist lines and hope was fading that it would succeed in rejoining the main Nationalist defence.

Renewed fighting was reported to have begun on January 5, ending the 20-day lull after the Communists had succeeded in disintegrating the Nationalist 12th Army Group South West of Shensi.

Simultaneously with the beginning of the new Communist drive the Nationalist High Command is unofficially reported to be concentrating more forces on the South bank of the Yangtze river at likely crossing places for the defence of the capital.

The most recent reinforcements to arrive were believed to be troops of General Hu Chung-wei's army, which had marched South from Shensi province to Hankow and then travelled down the river to Nanking.

According to recent official sources 22 armies will be available by the end of next month to defend Central China against the advancing Communists.

The Nationalists were said to be racing the training in Formosa, Canton, Kiangnan, Chengtu and Kunming that began in November of reinforcements that would form 10 additional army groups to meet the Communist onslaught.—Reuters-AAP.

Marshall Resigns

Washington, January 7. The Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, and the under-Secretary, Mr. Robert Lovett, resigned today. President Truman named Mr. Dean Acheson, a former Under-Secretary of State, to head the State Department. The resignation is effective from January 21.

President Truman disclosed that the change would not affect American foreign policy.—Associated Press.

UN Appeal Likely

Nanking, January 7.

The Chinese Government was today reported to be considering further steps in its peace move. Local reports said that these may include, first, a new statement from President Chiang Kai-shek on his future position in more definite terms. Secondly, an appeal by the Nationalist Government to the United Nations, requesting mediation, or to the four major powers, and thirdly, the despatch of a special representative to Yanan, the Red capital, to get peace negotiations started with the Reds.

General Chan Cheng, now Governor of Taiwan, was reported to be proposed for the concurrent post of commander-in-chief of the Communist suppression headquarters of the five provinces in South East China.

The creation of a new command was said to be intended to unite all remaining provinces under the Nationalists as a military and political entity for further war against the Communists.

Chinese reports in Shanghai said that concrete steps towards peace were now under discussion among the Nationalist leaders in Nanking.

Significant

Although failing to specify the nature of the alleged new move, the reports are being viewed significantly in Shanghai, where private information indicated that it may be a further development to the Generalissimo's New Year message.

It was speculated that the concrete steps, reported to be under discussion, may lead to the Generalissimo's resignation. Shanghai sources believed that one of the key persons in the Government's peace manoeuvres may be General Yen Hsi-shan, warlord Governor of Shensi, who visited Nanking before the publication of President Chiang's statement.

General Yen is known to have good Communist contacts and has been keeping constant touch with the Reds, despite the fact that his capital, Taiyuan, is under apparent heavy Communist siege.—Reuters.

Plebiscite Plan For Kashmir Announced

Lake Success, January 7.

The United Nations formally announced last night the plan under which India and Pakistan have accepted a truce and plebiscite in Kashmir.

The plebiscite is to determine whether Kashmir wishes to join India or Pakistan. Details were disclosed by the UN Commission for India and Pakistan after that body had heard the representative of Colombia, Dr. Alfredo Lozano, report on his talks with the two Dominion Governments in New Delhi and Karachi.

Word that the two disputing Governments had ordered a cease fire on New Year's night already had been received here from unofficial sources. The Security Council was notified officially by Dr. Josef Korbel of Czechoslovakia and J. Khar Hundie of the United States, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission.

The plan fixes no specific date for the plebiscite, but states it will be held when the Commission finds the cease fire truce arrangements are completed and preparations for the voting finished.

Main Points

Main points in the agreement are:—The Secretary-General of the UN will nominate a person of outstanding international prestige as a plebiscite administrator who will have virtually complete power during the plebiscite period.

2.—All civil and military authorities will have to co-operate with the Administrator in the preparation for and the holding of the plebiscite.

3.—The disposition of Indian and Kashmiri troops in the state will be determined by the administrator in consultation with the Indian Government.

4.—All citizens who have left Kashmir because of the disturbances, will be invited to return before the plebiscite. All non-citizens who have entered the state since August 15 for unlawful purposes will be required to leave.—Associated Press.

Soviet Subs, Signalling To Rebels Sighted Off Southern Korea

Seoul, January 7.

A Korean Government source told United Press today that three Russian submarines, appearing off Cheju Island on January 4, signalled to Korean Communist guerrillas who immediately launched a violent attack on the provincial capital.

The spokesman for the Tactics Section of the Emergency Guard, South Korean Government, said two submarines appeared off the town of Samyang and another off the town of Han-rinri at 2 p.m. and 10 p.m., respectively.

An official message from the troubled area reported the Soviet flag could be clearly seen from shore, the spokesman said.

He said the submarines which appeared off Samyang signalled with lights but did not fire and made no attempt to land supplies to an estimated 1,100 guerrilla Reds who were dug in with heavy guns and machine guns in the mountainous interior.

The submarines remained for four hours despite intense rifle fire from the police forces on shore. The spokesman said the submarine which appeared off Han-rinri did not leave until the following morning.

The Emergency Guard, which is part of the Home Ministry, received a wireless message from the police headquarters in Cheju on Thursday to the effect that 56 police and civilians were killed by a Communist attack.

The message said more than 50 buildings were burned to the ground including the provincial capital building and the police headquarters. No report was made of Communist guerrilla casualties.

Cheju Island is located about 70 miles South of the Korean mainland in the Southern zone. It is 45 miles long and 20 miles wide.

Samyang, where two Soviet submarines appeared, is located between the capital city and Kumyong while Han-rinri, where the third submarine appeared, is between the capital city and Mousulpo.

The Tactics Section said the submarines may have been trying to cut communications between the capital and the two main towns but were scared off by the police and constabulary forces.

Martial law, which had been enforced on the island for more than two months since the Yosu rebellion, was lifted on December 31 but may be imposed again because of this incident. It would take several months to clear the island of guerrilla troops.—United Press.

CANTON RIOTERS SENTENCED

Canton, January 7.

Sixteen defendants were convicted and three others were acquitted on charges of setting fire to the British Consulate compound and adjoining British property last January.

Judge Chi Tso-tung sentenced four to three and one-half years imprisonment; six to 14 months and the rest to one year. The court allowed all, however, to appeal within 10 days.—United Press.

Willing To
Step Down

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, President of China, is delivering his New Year's Day message to members of the Government, in the President's office in Nanking. He expressed readiness to resign if peace can be secured. AP Photo.

Reconstruction Efforts Abroad Necessitate Controls, Truman Warns

Washington, January 7.

President Truman warned Americans today that they must be prepared to accept more stringent economic controls if they were to continue the reconstruction of other lands, maintain the strength of their armed forces and improve their own welfare.

"We must fulfil the requirements of our essential programmes—national defence, international reconstruction, and domestic improvements and welfare—even if so doing may require the temporary exercise of selective controls in our economy," he said.

"We want the greatest amount of economic freedom that is consistent with the security and welfare of the people, but we do not want to sacrifice that security and welfare because of narrow and selfish conceptions as to the acceptable limits of Government action."

Mr. Truman made these statements in his special economic report to Congress, in which he gave detailed arguments for the authority to restore price and wage control and take other measures to control inflation, requested in his "State of the Union" speech on Wednesday.

He said that harder tests faced American economy in 1949 and that the present slight decline in prices might be only a breathing spell before another inflationary

spurge, which would increase the danger of a major depression. "We cannot be certain that another upsurge of general inflation will not reappear this year under the composite pressures which are at work throughout the economy," he said in an 8,000-word report laid before both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

He recalled the sudden slump in agricultural prices last spring and termed it an escape from the danger of a general recession. "That escape does not mean that no further dangers will appear or that we can wait until they descend upon us in full force before taking preventive measures," he said.

"We have been granted a breathing spell but we have not been granted lasting prosperity without further effort and vigilance."

While the current price halts or declines had not gone far enough to justify confidence about the defeat of inflation, there was the alternative danger of a slump and unemployment. He said that it might not be necessary to use all controls for which he would ask, but added:

"We have these relatively unpleasant restrictions on our freedom of action for a while than to impair our security, or allow our human and material resources to deteriorate."

The United States was enjoying "bountiful prosperity" and the very brightness of the picture provided an excellent opportunity to plan a practical programme on immediate economic measures, pointed towards stability and growth, he said.—Reuters.

China Envoy May Become P.I. Minister

(Our Own Correspondent)

Manila, January 7. It was authoritatively learned today that President Elpidio Quirino is considering the appointment of the Philippine Minister to China, Dr. Proceso E. Sebastian, as Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

The foreign affairs portfolio is concurrently held by President Quirino. It was reported that he had also considered transferring the portfolio over to Dr. Claro M. Recto but the latter had declined.

Dr. Recto held a similar post in the Japanese-sponsored Government since he assumed the presidency upon the death of President Manuel A. Roxas. President Quirino has sought to relinquish the foreign affairs post which he holds concurrently since being President.

Dr. Sebastian, jurist and former senator, is regarded here as fully qualified for the post. He was a member of the Philippine Independence Mission to the United States, and before his appointment as envoy to China was a member of the Philippine delegation to the United Nations.

He recently returned here from working to confer with President Quirino on the situation in China.

Aims, Procedure Of Defence Force In HK Outlined

Members of the proposed Hong Kong Defence Force will serve under the same pay code, independent of race or nationality; there will be no racial differences in pay, said Colonel L. T. Ride, Commandant of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, yesterday.

In a detailed statement on the aims, purposes and recruitment procedure of the proposed HKDF, Colonel Ride added that all members will be considered as domiciled in Hong Kong. The only claim to promotion is to be competent he said.

One of the innovations in the proposed new Force, the Ordinance governing which will probably come into force next month, is the widening of the applicability of the term "dependents".

Rates of pay and pensions will be set out in schedules, said Colonel Ride. He added that there are safeguards to ensure a reasonable standard of living for the Volunteer and his dependents on mobilisation.

If owing to the exigencies of service, a Volunteer's family has to reside away from Hong Kong, the family allowance payable will be based on the cost of living in the family's place of residence.

Colonel Ride, replied to criticisms that Government is using the recreation scheme as a bait. He said there has never been such intention.

He said that the Admiralty, the War Office and the Air Ministry are all satisfied that the Force, as planned, will meet their operational needs.

Important Innovation

The first and most important innovation in the new scheme said Colonel Ride, is the inclusion of the Colony's voluntary services under one administrative headquarters. In this respect Hong Kong is taking the lead in the Empire.

Its advantages, added Colonel Ride, are worth summarising: (a) It is economic in the use of manpower and money.

(b) It makes for the increase of efficiency of the component part of the force in their own administration; (c) It will make possible the more efficient use of the limited man and woman-power available.

(d) It will ensure the maximum co-ordination between the various voluntary services.

Another innovation is the close liaison that will be established between the several volunteer components and their parent services in the garrison.

A third innovation, he said, is the inclusion of auxiliary components for both men and women in the Force. The role of the force is to aid the civil and military powers.

A Dual Role

The dual role of aiding the civil and the military powers cannot be carried out by one body of men because no volunteer would have

Taxi Strike Talk Stalemate

Further talks between representatives of the taxicab companies and their striking drivers took place at the Commissioner of Labour's Office yesterday afternoon.

Little progress was reported, as negotiations were still bogged down on the strikers' demand for complete reinstatement.

Both sides will meet again this morning at 11.30 a.m.

Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen, Deputy Commissioner of Labour, presided at yesterday's conference, which lasted nearly three hours.

the time to become efficient at both jobs. The aid to the military power will be supplied by the Navy, Army and Air Force commands and the aid to the civil power by the Essential Services Wing of the Auxiliaries.

Colonel Ride continued that not only are there many jobs which have always been recognised as those for women, but there are many men's jobs that they can perform with equal facility.

In addition, therefore, to the Nursing Detachment—it is proposed to enrol women in the counterparts of the VADs, A.S. and WAAS. These will form the Services Wing of the Women's Volunteer Force.

On the men's side, there are many who, owing to age, or physical category, or the nature of their civil employment are unable to train in one of the combatant units, but whose services will be available in an emergency. These together with those who have served their time in the combatant units but who do not wish a sever their connection with the Force will be accommodated in the Auxiliary Force.

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THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) the intense Siberian anti-cyclone still dominates the Chinese and the neighbouring seas. Today's Forecast—Moderate or fresh N winds, cloudy, scattered drizzle.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 64.5 deg. F. Minimum 47.7 deg. F. Sunshine 0.1 hour. Rainfall 0.6 mm.—0.02 inch. Total snow Jan. 1—2.0 mm.—0.08 inch as against an average of 7.5 mm.—0.29 inch.

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St. George's Society Holds First Post-War Ball

The St. George's Society first post-war Annual Ball was held with all its traditional pomp at the Peninsula Hotel last night. Hundreds of guests at the Ball were impressed by the colourful decorations, said by many to overshadow even the best of former years.

The committee of the Society were: Lieutenant-Colonel E. J. R. Mitchell, O.B.E., E.D., President; Mr. V. C. Labrum, Vice-President; The Hon. P. S. Cassidy and Lieutenant-Colonel H. B. L. Dowbiggin, O.B.E., past Presidents; Captain C. Blaker, M.C., Mr. F. C. Clemo, Mr. K. H. Digby, O.B.E., F.R.C.S., Mr. J. G. Meyer, Mr. A. Sommerfeld, Mr. E. P. Streetfield, Mr. L. R. Whant, the Reverend F. W. Weaver, Mr. A. Ptery, Mr. G. L. Wilson, members.

The Ball sub-committee were: Mr. F. C. Clemo, Chairman; Mr. J. G. Meyer and Mr. L. R. Whant, Joint General Committee; Mr. G. L. Wilson and Captain C. Blaker, Decorations Committee; and Mr. A. Sommerfeld, in charge of invitations.

On one pillar, in the main lounge of the hotel, just outside the entrance, hung the county crest and the coat of arms of the Governor. On another, hanging those of Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell. Between the two pillars was draped a large banner of St. George.

The completed staircase leading up to the ball room, lined with lanterns of various sizes, each, extending leading to the main hall, was festooned with garlands of flowers in green and white.

County Crests

Among the walls and pillars were numerous county crests and family coats-of-arms. Reaching to the dais was a rich display of colours and standards resembling a scene of a court ball. Behind the dais, at the window, was a huge illuminated representation of St. George and the Dragon.

At 9.15 p.m. the Governor arrived at the Ball, accompanied by Colonel Mitchell. The fife and drums of the Buffs played the supper party from the dais to the tune of "The Roast Beef of Old England."

Seated at the official table were: the Governor, the President and Mrs. Mitchell, Sir Leslie Gibson and Lady Gibson, Rear Admiral A.C.G. Madden and Mrs. Madden, Vice-Marshal Sir F.F. Inglis, Commodore C.L. Robertson, Mrs. Mackintosh, Mr. and Mrs. V.C. Labrum, Brigadier A. de Burch Morris and Mrs. de Burch Morris, Air Commodore A.D. Davies and Mrs. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Hopper, the Hon. A. Morse and Mrs. Morse, the Hon. D.F. Landale, Mrs. Scott, Dr. and Mrs. J.W. Anderson, Lieutenant-Colonel H.B.L. Dowbiggin, Mrs. Ptery, Mr. and Mrs. F.C. Clemo, the Hon. and Mrs. P.S. Cassidy, Mr. J.R. Jones, Mrs. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. D.J.S. Gray, Captain C. Blaker, Mrs. Bernard Brown, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Wilson, Mrs. Sommerfeld, Mr. and Mrs. L.R. Whant, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Hart, and Mr. J.G. Meyer.

Racial Character

"The English are a ruthless race. In America they almost completely exterminated the Indians, and imported the Negroes as slaves. Their propensity for piracy was always great. Yet for some strange reason, the Englishman likes to think of himself as a sheep, and so great is his artistry, so thoroughly does he see himself in any part which he assumes, that he frequently deceives not only himself, but others."

"His mild beneficence is a pose, but the English are not hypocritical. They are sincere. In that lies their deadly danger to others. The English are, in fact, a violent savage race, passionately attached and enormously addicted to patronage, with a faculty beyond all other people of ignoring their

neighbours, their surroundings, or in the last resort themselves. They have a power of poetry which is the despair of all the rest of the world. They produce personalities transcending ordinary human limitations. Then they drive other nations to a frenzy by patronising these archangels, who have come among them, and by indicating that any ordinary Englishman could do better. If he failed to take the trouble.

"It has been said that one of the finest characteristics of the Englishman is self-assurance. He suffers from no inferiority complex. The attitude 'It will be all right on the day' and 'Britain always wins the last round' can, I think be regarded as typical.

Most Important

"The most important political and economic fact of the day is the break-up of the British Empire. Whilst on the economic side we can congratulate the genius of Sir Stafford Cripps in looking in the singular with one hand, it is horrifying to a true Englishman to read of his giving away the Empire with the other hand."

"The Empire has already broken up twice. Once when the Anglo-French state, so necessary to us, collapsed under the stroke of St. John. After that the English State abandoned the Chinese and re-formed upon the Ocean. Then the Atlantic Commonwealth, so necessary, split under the impact of George Washington. Very few societies have done this twice. None, except perhaps the Greeks, with Athens, Alexandria and Byzantium, in its credit.

"I had not intended mentioning any names, but I must congratulate Mr. Clemo and his Committee not only for the excellent work they have done, but also for the magnificent sign outside the hotel. I also wish to thank particularly Mr. G.L. Wilson for the magnificent decorations, which I am told surpasses anything which the St. George's Society have ever done in Hong Kong before, and last but not least I wish to thank Sommerfeld for his great assistance and valuable advice in connection with the arrangements for the Official party and invitations."

"In conclusion, on behalf of the Society I would like to welcome Mr. Dick Lee and his charming wife and to congratulate him on his well-deserved New Year Honour. The Society is indeed indebted to Mr. Lee and his family for their generosity in placing their theatre at our disposal for past St. George's Day celebrations, contributing in no small measure to an excellent increase in our Charity Funds."

INTEREST COUPONS

Interest coupons due on January 15 on the Hong Kong Dollar Loan, (1934 and 1940 issues) will be paid at the Hong Kong Chartered Bank or at the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China on or after January 15.

Interest coupons on the Three-and-a-half Per Cent Rehabilitation Loan, 1934-1938, due on January 15, will be paid on or after the same date at the same banks.

Reminders

Today

Stage Island presents "Treasure Island", China Fleet Club, at 8 p.m.

H.K. Light Orchestra concert, West Lounge, European YMCA, 9 p.m.

Boy Scouts Association Camp Competition, at Chaiwan (Governor and Mr. A. Morse attend at 4.30 p.m.).

Cocktail Party in honour of Col. Sir James Sleeman, St. John Ambulance Brigade Headquarters, 8.30 p.m.

Universal Week of Prayer, sermon on "The Occumenical Movement", by the Rev. Mr. Frank Short, St. John's Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

United Service of Christian Witnesses, St. John's Cathedral, and St. Andrew's Church, 8.30 p.m.

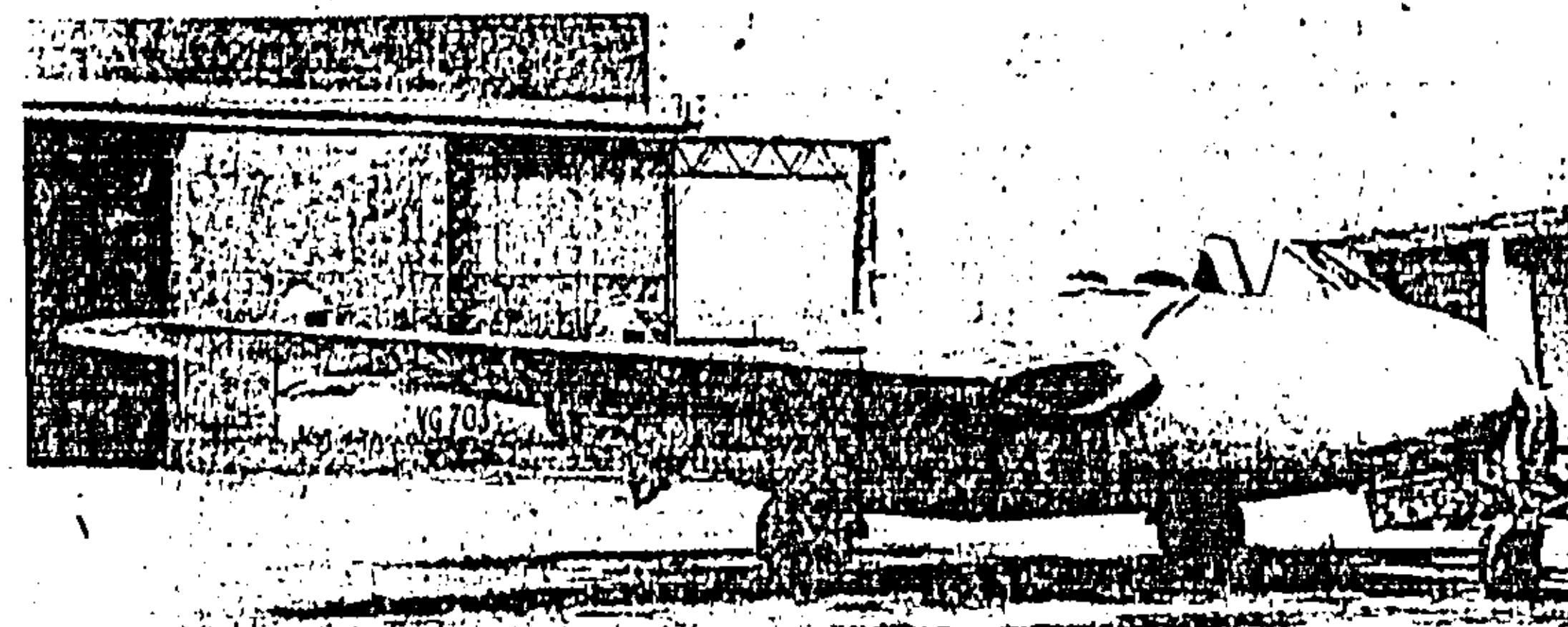
Classical Concert, Toe H. Club, Tai Bot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 9.45 p.m.

Nativity Play by children of Tai-po Orphanage, St. Andrew's Church, 7.45 p.m.

Church Parade by St. John Ambulance and Brigade, St. John's Cathedral, 10 a.m.

H.K. Art Club sketching class in New Territories, assembly at Kowloon Star Ferry, 10.30 a.m.

Polo and Hunt Club meet at Mr. Moller's Stables, Fanling, 11 a.m.



Effect Of Moratorium Questioned

The effect of the Moratorium on a debt was queried by Mr. Justice Wicks (Acting Additional Judge), in a case which came up for hearing at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The plaintiff in the action, Surjan Singh, registered money lender, claimed \$514.58 from Leung Shin-tak and Leung Shun-nan, defendants, being principle and interest due under a joint and several Promissory Note.

The statement of claim disclosed that interest was claimed from July 3, 1941 to January 3, 1942 and from September 3, 1942 to January 3, 1949, at the rate of four per cent a month.

It also disclosed that yearly interest was claimed for the Occupation period at the rate of \$8 for each \$150.

Mr. Justice Wicks ordered that the amount of the claim be paid into Court and adjourned hearing to January 12 at 10 a.m. as he wished to consider the following points:

(a) The effect of the Moratorium on a debt, especially where the plaintiff has, by his pleadings, taken advantage of the Debtors and Creditors Ordinance.

(b) The amount of interest accruing at the date when the Moratorium was imposed.

(c) Whether interest could continue to accrue during the Moratorium period and whether any interest accrued at all.

Keymoney Conundrums

Sir—May I expound the following three puzzles, and can and will our Colonial Secretary be kind enough to take time off from his onerous duties to answer them himself or deputise the PRO to do so?

1. Why does "key-money" continue to be tolerated, if not actually actively encouraged, in this Colony, when by a very short and simply drafted Ordinance, a mere stroke of the official pen as it were, these iniquitous levies could be immediately wiped out for once and for all?

2. Who is responsible for the neglect to provide the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, for some mysterious reason charged with the implementation of the Landlords and Tenants Ordinance, with the necessary inspection and staff to carry out this important work, thus leaving the way clear to unscrupulous local landlords to take the fullest possible advantage of the extraordinary omission?

3. What is the reason for Government's complete failure in the face of a persistent barrage of well-informed public opinion from practically the whole population with the exception of a few racketeering landlords and contractors to do anything officially or through the Legislative Council to control the extortionate rentals being charged for newly built premises by means of a Fair Rents Act or something along those lines?

The above three sixty-four dollar questions are a source of speculation and amazement to both British and Chinese, and the more we study them the more we are mystified!

Specious explanations about "incentives to new construction" are ruled out except for children: under 14, as it is quite obvious to all but mental morons that fair rents will provide any incentive required in a town where all the banks bulge with idle capital.

If the Hon. Colonial Secretary declines to give an answer to this reasonable request for information, which it is his duty and privilege to supply to those who pay his salary from their freshly taxed pockets, and if measures are not at once introduced to cope properly with these major evils which are causing the most profound misery to many who stood by Hong Kong while others "stogged" for the money and now roll in real estate, the honorable gentleman can rest assured that the three questions will be repeated to the Secretary of State to answer for him—and from the floor of the House. This is a promise, not a threat.

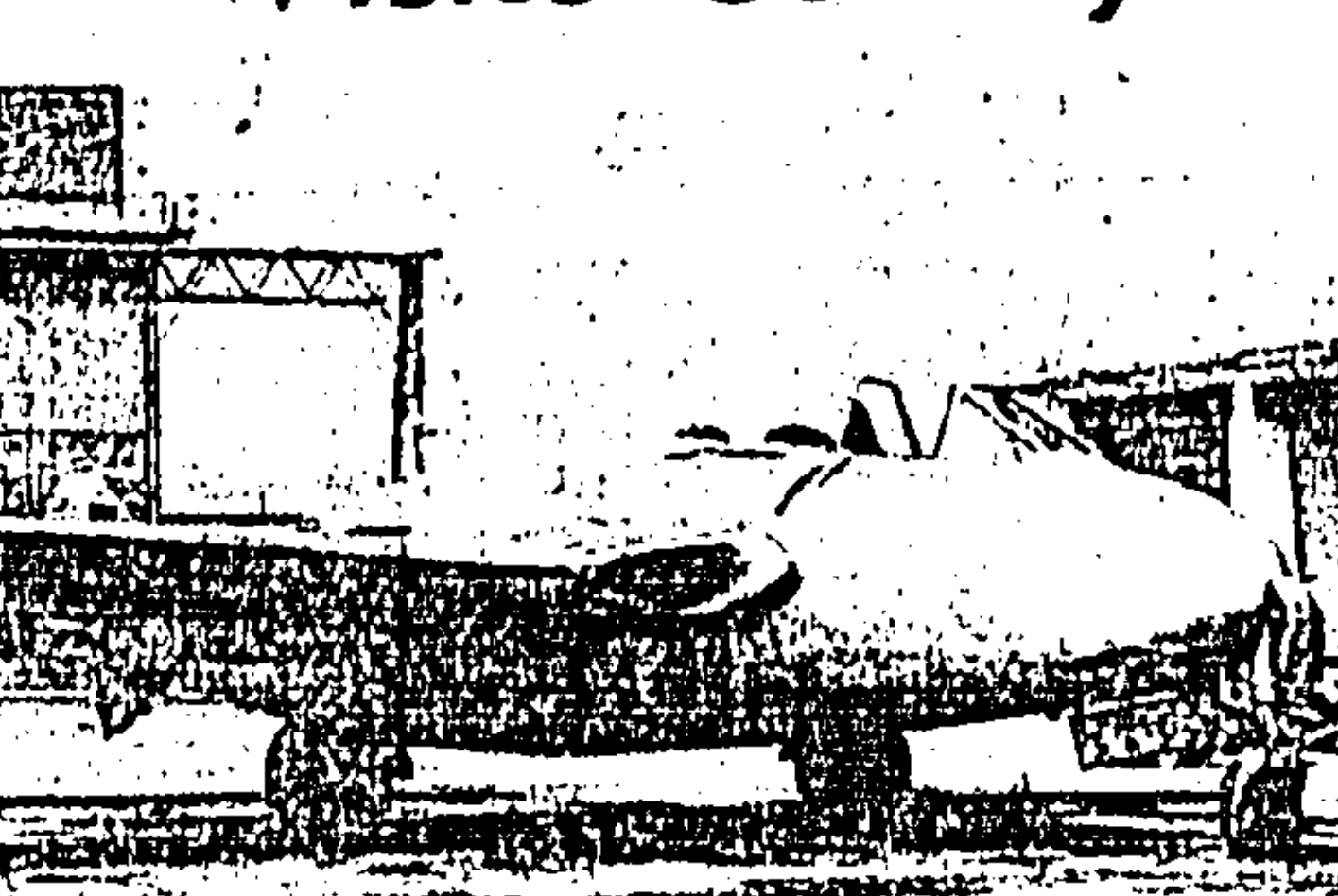
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Erratic Rates!

Sir—Face-saving in the Far East appears to be not the pre-occupative only of Orientals. In your report of the Hotel Rates Advisory Committee I note with some surprise that it is suggested that the four major hotels as at July 31 were as under:

Hongkong Hotel: \$10 to \$4.

RAF Jet Fighter Visits Colony



Piloted by Flight-Lieutenant G. Francis, the Singapore-based Vampire Jet Fighter will take off at day-break on Monday for a seven-day visit to Hong Kong. One stop of an hour duration will be made on the way at Saigon, where the aircraft will be refuelled. During the flight, which it is estimated will take five and a quarter of flying time, the aircraft will be flown at a height of 30,000 feet. The distances involved will be 600 statute miles from Singapore to Saigon and 950 from Saigon to Hong Kong. The second hop, flown direct, is a greater distance than any of those on the Atlantic crossing made by six Vampires in July last via Iceland, Greenland and Labrador. The aircraft is due to arrive at Kai Tak at 1.30 p.m. The first demonstration flight will be held at Kai Tak on Wednesday, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

The plaintiff has, by his pleadings, taken advantage of the Debtors and Creditors Ordinance.

(b) The amount of interest accruing at the date when the Moratorium was imposed.

(c) Whether interest could continue to accrue during the Moratorium period and whether any interest accrued at all.

YOUTHFUL ASSAILANT

Taking advantage of the absence of their parents, a 13-year-old boy at Kowloon City indecently assaulted a five-year-old girl living in the same house, on December 30.

The incident was reported to the mother by the girl, and the police informed. Brought before the magistrate at the Kowloon Juvenile Court on New Year's Day, the youthful offender was remanded for three days.

After a second remand, he was brought before Mr. W. H. Lallier, J.P., at the Juvenile Court yesterday and ordered to receive six strokes of the cane.

THREE-YEAR TRANSIENT.

After further testimony yesterday, hearing of the action brought by Mrs. Liang Kwok Shau-ching against Liang Shao-kow for a Judicial Separation was adjourned by Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice), until March 9.

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Extradition Case Hearing Continues

The business conducted by the Shanghai Postal Remittance and Savings Bank formed the chief subject of cross-examination by Mr. A. Lonsdale, prosecuting counsel in the continued hearing of an extradition case before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday.

Hau Chi-ewang, alias Tsui Kai-cheung, a former Director General of the Shanghai Postal Remittance and Savings Bank is being held on extradition proceedings, wanted by the Chinese Government for embezzlement of Government funds while he was Director General.

Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, Mr. Leo d'Almeida, Judge, presided, by Mr. Marcus da Silva, counsel for the Chinese Government.

The cross-examination by prosecuting counsel concentrated solely on the banking business of the Postal Bank with various items including the Bu Chuen Bank.

Defendant was specifically questioned at length regarding a sum of C\$3,650,000,000 outstanding against the firm of Powell & Sons.

Further hearing was adjourned to January 10 at 11.30 a.m.

FUNERAL OF MSGR. DE LA HOZ

The funeral of the Monsignor Ex-Prefect Apostolic of Formosa, Rev. Father Thomas de la Hoz (Deceased), who died suddenly on Thursday, will take place at the Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley yesterday.

Prior A. Valbuena officiated at the chapel and graveside, assisted by the Spanish Fathers from Rosary Hill.

Others attending the funeral were Bishop Valbuena, the Monsignor from the French Convent and some school girls.

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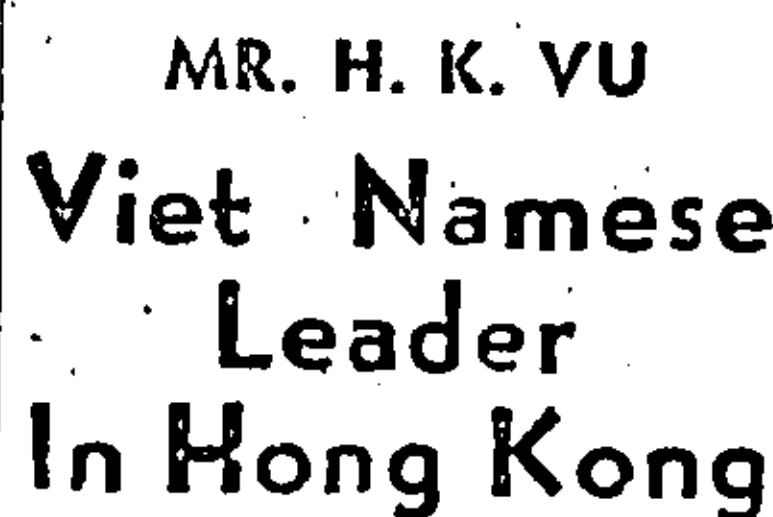
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Stage Club's "Treasure Island"

It is most difficult to maintain complete balance in such a big undertaking as this. A good sign it is, then, that the Stage Club, in producing "Treasure Island" has expanded further into the field of live theatre.

Mrs. V. Cohn, Mrs. N. E. Taylor, Miss P. Taylor, Miss H. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. F. Wood, Miss C. M. Wood and Master F. M. Wood arrived in the Colony yesterday from Shanghai by the ss. Akapenor.



Yesterday that there are about 30,000 armed Vietnamese fighting the French at present. These include the forces of Ho Chi Minh. His own troops total about 6,000.

Mr. Colin George Mervyn Morrison has been appointed to be an Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs with effect from November 29.

Appointment of Dr. Samuel Hollingsworth Moore, Medical Officer, and Major Hector Frederic George Chauvin, Labour Officer, to the permanent and pensionable establishment has been confirmed by the Governor.

Messrs. Neill Garland and Donald Gordon Cairns have been appointed Justices of the Peace for Hong Kong with effect from January 7.

The Commissioner of Labour Mr. B.C.K. Hawkins, has been appointed an ex officio member of the Port Committee with effect from January 1.

Monsieur Rehe Guillaume, Consul-General for Belgium, resumed charge of the Belgian Consulate-General at Hong Kong on December 22.

**NATURALISATION
PRIVILEGE
GRANTED**

The privilege of British Naturalisation has been conferred on Mr. George Maurice Davreux, real estate broker, Mr. Gustav Wolfgang, Julius Amsel, engineer, Mr.

Frederick Ignatius Wandres, Principal Warder, Hong Kong Prison.
Mr. Henry Anthony Souza, clerk.
Mr. George Samuel Ladd, accountant.
Mr. Hannes Gerhart Amann, student, and Messrs. Thengstla-

Certificates of Acquisition of British Nationality have been registered at the Colonial Secretariat by Mrs. Stella Davreux nee Ho.

WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Mr. George James Mills, Prison Officer, of Victoria Remand Prison; and Miss Natalia Nikolova Kuzina, shop assistant, of 51 Kimberley Road, Kowloon.

one at the CPA at Kai Tak. Mr. d'Alton questioned witness to the numbers of power sockets, wires and other materials used. Al replied to all the questions that he could not remember all the figures.

or instance, a uniform, hat or band, witness replied that nothing like that was worn.

Tong Chuen, workman employed by the PWD attached to the

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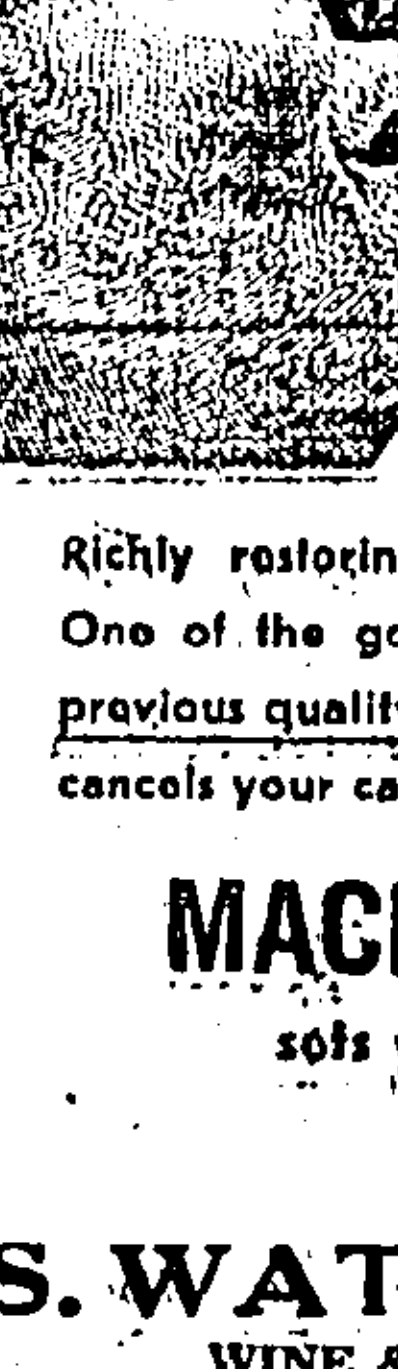
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NOTICE

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT Medical Department

REMINDER

Every person licensed in respect of a maternity home, who desires to continue to be so licensed for the year 1940, must make application and pay the prescribed fee of \$5 to the Supervisor of Midwives, Post Office Building, top floor, before the end of January, 1940.

I. NEWTON,

Director of Medical Services.
January 3, 1940.

NOTICE

Effective immediately, P.A.L. DC-4's Skymaster will resume operations on all scheduled departures from Hong Kong.

These planes were temporarily withdrawn from local service and used on the recent trans-Pacific flight.

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

H.K. ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY

Members are reminded that applications for places at the Burns Dinner must be received by me not later than today.

CHAS. G. SMITH,
Hon. Secretary.

January 8, 1940.

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This Lot with the next mentioned Lot represents one of the most valuable sites in the Mongkok area of Nathan Road still available for development, and is ideally situated for the erection of a modern Cinema Theatre, Hotel, Department Store or the like.

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On This Lot Are Erected:
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(2) The valuable factory building of the Orient Tobacco Manufacturing Co. Ingenohl Ltd. as now demised. Part of the Lot at the rear of the factory building of an area of approximately 6180 square feet is now let on a monthly tenancy as open storage. The tenant has undertaken in writing to vacate on the 23rd February, 1940.
This Lot with its large frontage on Nathan Road and Dundas Street is one of the largest and most valuable sites in the Mongkok area of Nathan Road now available for development. The factory building could at comparatively little expense easily be converted for use as a Hotel, School, Office Block, Department Store or the like.

LOT NO. 3.
Situate on the corner of Soy Street and the proposed extension of Sai Yung Choi Street. Area: 1105 square feet. Vacant possession will be given on completion.

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LOT NO. 10.
Situate on the corner of Soy Street and other portions of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1203. Area: 1105 square feet. This Lot is also let as open storage on a monthly tenancy. Notice to quit has been given to the tenant.

LOT NO. 11.
Situate on the proposed extension of Sai Yung Choi Street. Area: 1458.435 square feet. Vacant possession will be given on completion.

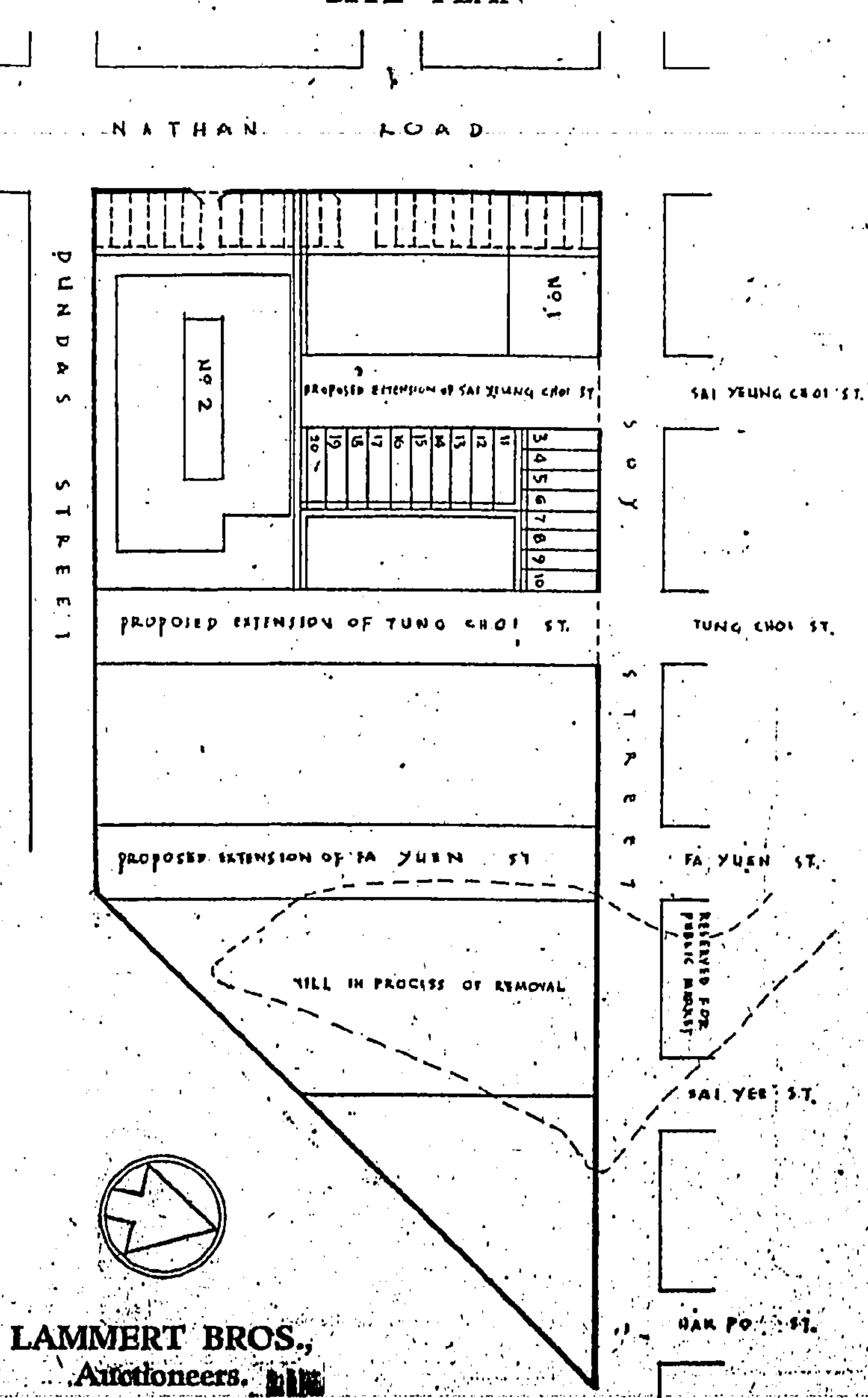
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All the Lots are held under a Crown Lease for Seventy-five years (renewable for a further term of Seventy-five years) from the 28th day of January, 1907. No building covenant is attached to the Lots sold.

The Purchaser of each Lot will be required to pay a proportion of the Crown Rent calculated at the rate of approximately \$8.00 per 1,000 square feet of the area purchased. Copies of the Conditions of Sale can be obtained and the plan showing the situation and areas of the lots to be sold can be seen at the office of the Vendors, 10B Des Voeux Road, Central, Mezzanine Floor, Gloucester Building, or at the office of Messrs. Deacons, Solicitors for the Vendors, 1 Des Voeux Road, Central, (First Floor) or at the office of the undersigned during business hours or at the Factory Building of the Orient Tobacco Manufacturing Co. Ingenohl Ltd. 582 Nathan Road, Mongkok Kowloon.

SITE PLAN



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By Dick Turner



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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

COUNT HIM FOR PLENTY

You cannot place too much faith in the indications of strength given by a not-vulnerable opponent by some fairly high bid during the auction. But when a vulnerable player sticks his neck out at an appreciable altitude, such as three or more, you can usually count on him for plenty. If you find yourself later in a tight contract, the success of which depends on the location of outstanding honour cards, it pays to consider them as being in his hand, and build your playing plans accordingly.

S J 10 6 5 4 2
H A Q 9
D J 4
C 4 2

S K 7
H K J 10 4
D A K 4
C J 5

S A Q
H 7 6
D 5 3
C A K 10 8 7 6

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable.)
West North East South
1 D 1 H Pass 3 C
2 D Pass Pass 5 C

If you are going to be the same kind of hand-hog as South, you had better also be a player like him, who can square the maximum out of a hand. A better bid on his second turn, after he had made that great strength-showing jump before, would have been 4-Clubs, leaving room for North to bid again, which he would have done at 4-Spades. That would have been a clinch contract, with no losers in sight except two diamonds and a trump. But South put the weight on himself with his bid for eleven tricks.

West pulled off his "book" with the first two tricks in diamonds and then tried to scare South

out of taking the heart finesse through a lead of the 4. The declarer figured out his plan, however, seeing no chance, unless that finesse would work, and also noting that West's bid almost surely showed possession of the heart K.

South based his plan on West having every consequential card, so built a squeeze. After winning with the heart Q, he played for a club division and ran the rest of the suit. He discarded from dummy to leave there the spade J-10 and heart A-9, as the last club was led. West, clinging to the two spades and the heart K, but had to discard. If he threw a spade the K could be dropped and the Q become good, so he shed the heart 10. (The spade A, heart A, to kill the K and the heart 9, then completed the contract. Of course, if South had put dummy's 10 on the second trick, he would not have had to build that fancy squeeze. But if you knew this declarer you would never expect him to use simple means when complex methods were available.

Tomorrow's Problem

S 9 7 6 3
H 10 6 5
D A 8 7 4 3
C J

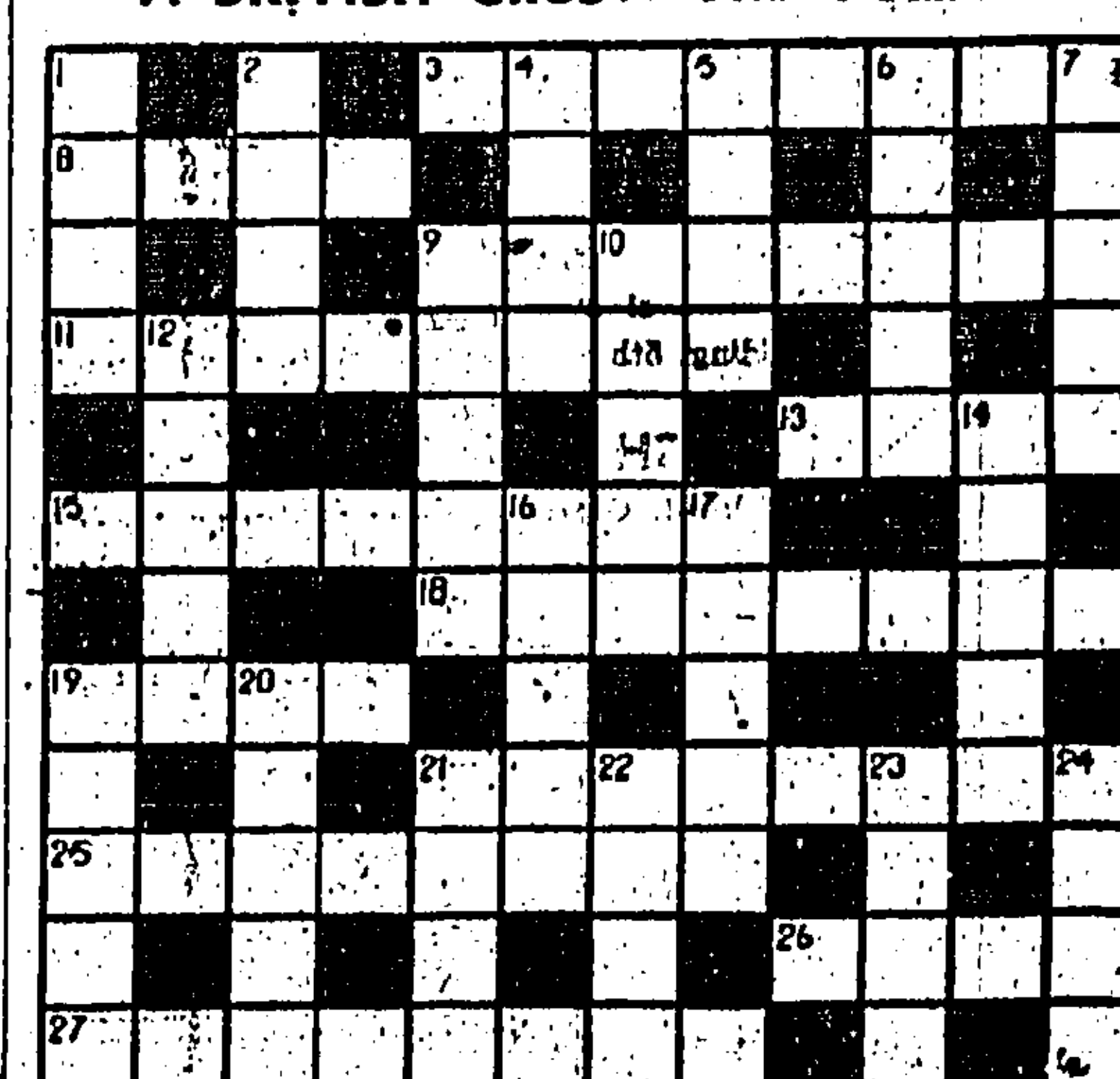
S K 10 4
H Q 7
D K Q 10
C Q 8 5 2

S A Q J 8 5
H A K 8
D 6
C A 10 6 4

(Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable.)

If West had overcalled with 1-No Trump, East had stuck in a heart bid and the diamond K is led, how should South play for 6-Spades, doubled by West?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
3 Rating. 10 Set free.
8 Needy. 10 Look for.
9 Superiority. 21 Annoyed.
11 "Soft" drink. 25 Reasonable.
13 Foka. 26 Bondman.
15 Soldier. 27 Endure.

Down
1 Gem. 16 Fruit.
2 Destiny. 17 Staircase.
4 Supper. column.
5 Solitary. 10 Small fish.
6 Interior. 20 Praise.
7 Avance. 21 Tie up.
8 Come in. 22 Final.
10 Perfect. 23 Muscle.
12 Banish. 24 Skiff.
14 Fat.

Yesterday's Crossword
Across: 1 Harass. 4 Evict. 7 Indicate. 8 Leave. 9 Silent. 11 Atoned. 13 Consent. 15 Recent. 18 Mangle. 19 Venomous. 20 Ashen. 21 Enjoy. 22 Hall. 23 Alike. 24 Spar.

Down
1 Gem. 2 Evelet. 3 Immature. 4 Thread. 5 Languish. 6 Strange. 7 Camera. 8 Eleven. 9 Camel. 10 Teaty.

STRATEGIC POSITION IN ORIENT CHANGED

Tokyo, January 6.

The conquest of Manchuria and much of North China by the Chinese Communist armies has changed the whole strategic outlook in the area of the Western Pacific Ocean and Eastern Asia. That is the considered opinion of nearly every leading non-Communist soldier and statesman in this part of the world.

There is a general opinion that the danger of a new world conflagration starting in Asia is increasing. An ominous parallel is seen to the situation which prevailed following Japan's occupation of Manchuria in 1931-33 and the subsequent advance of the Japanese militarists into China proper.

Russia is seen as the power behind the Red armies in Communist China and Moscow is seen as occupying the same relation to power or war in the Western Pacific Ocean area that Tokyo occupied in the years prior to Pearl Harbor.

A war between the Western Allies, led by the United States and Britain, and the Communist nations, led by Russia, is seen as a distinct possibility.

The best informed observers, however, do not believe that the great conflict will start soon. They assert that Russia is not prepared for a major war at this time and probably cannot complete preparations for several years.

First Round

China is looked upon as the immediate chief battleground. There the Russians have won the first round. Manchuria is considered a virtually Russian satellite power as Outer Mongolia and North China are seen as passing rapidly into the Soviet sphere. Some of the best qualified British and American observers believe Asia is the primary target of Russia in the present "cold war." They look upon the Russian aggressive tactics in Berlin and elsewhere in Western Europe as a feint designed to cover the real major thrust in the Far East.

They recall that Russia made known its intention to draw China into the Soviet orbit as long ago as 1922 in the days when a large Soviet military and political mission helped the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen to organize the Chinese nationalist revolution. They note that many of the present Chinese Communist leaders are men and women who got their start in Communist ideology and tactics at that time.

South East Asia

The immediate position of the antagonists is roughly as follows:—

The Western Allies are dominant in Japan and in the island chain at least to the Southward through Formosa, Okinawa and the Philippines; and in South Eastern Asia, in India and the adjacent island groups, including the Netherlands East Indies and Ceylon.

The position of the democratic nations, however, is not so strong in Burma and the Netherlands East Indies, and it is remembered that Britain still has not entirely eradicated the Communist rebels in Malaya.

Russia and her Communist allies are dominant in North Eastern Asia where they control Siberia and the islands within sight of Alaska, the Kurile island chain, which leads Southward from Kamchatka to islands within sight of Northernmost Japan's main islands, Northern Korea, Manchuria, Outer Mongolia and most of North China.

In addition, the Russians now control Japan's former base on the Southern half of Sakhalin Island and have a very strong position in Sinkiang and adjacent areas of West China.

Strong Bases

The Western Allies have fairly strong land, sea and air bases in Japan, Southern Korea, Okinawa, Guam, the Philippines,

French Indo-China, the British Straits Settlements and adjacent Malaya, Sumatra, the Netherlands East Indies, India, Ceylon, etc.

The Western Allies are superior in sea power with the possible exception of submarines and potentially, if not actually, greatly superior in air power.

Russia unquestionably is superior in land power and probably could seize some areas now held by the Western Allies and hold them for a time. Russia does not have the atomic bomb and is vastly inferior to the Western nations in industrial capacity.

The general opinion is that if war comes tomorrow the Western Allies will win—but only after a protracted struggle which would drain their resources. —United Press.

Foreign Policy Endangered

Washington, January 6.

Bipartisan foreign policy, one of America's chief weapons in the cold war with Russia, is gravely threatened by a Party row over Senate Committee assignments.

Republican Senator Robert Taft says he thought the bipartisan approach was dead already as a result of the Democrats' alleged packing of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Other Republicans say that the Democrats, by demanding an eight to five majority, on the committee, have seriously weakened Senator Arthur Vandenberg's influence in keeping Republican votes in line. When Senator Vandenberg was chairman, the Committee was made up of seven Republicans and six Democrats.

"I guess bipartisan policy is over," commented Senator Taft. "We are free and independent, aren't we?"

Baby Racket In Manila

Manila, January 7. A Chinese businessman, Chen Yung Yin, thought he had a bargain when a woman offered him a baby boy for 400 pesos.

Chen promptly accompanied the woman to a certain house and counted out the bills upon seeing the baby.

No sooner had he taken the baby in his arms when a man in police uniform and another man, who said he was the baby's father, appeared in the doorway. In the meantime, the alleged mother disappeared.

The police are now on the look-out for the trio and Chen is a much wiser man. —United Press.

COLONIAL GETS ADVISORY POST

London, January 6.

A former Colonial civil servant is travelling to New York as Counselor on Colonial Affairs to the British delegation to the United Nations.

He is Mr. John Fletcher Cook, 37-year-old former prisoner of war in Malaya, who assisted Sir Harold MacMichael, then Constitutional Commissioner of Malaya, in 1946. —Router.

Wedemeyer Report Release Wanted

Washington, January 7.

Representative Lawrence H. Smith wants release of the Wedemeyer report in view of the present desperate situation in China.

The Wisconsin Republican refers to the report made by Lieutenant General Albert C. Wedemeyer at the request of the Truman administration. The document compiled by the former Commander of American forces in China never has been made public.

Mr. Smith, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said:

"My information is that the report says that Secretary of State George Marshall was completely wrong in the policy he has insisted upon in our relations with the Chinese Nationalist Government."

"That policy has been to give effective aid until the Nationalist Government has taken the Chinese Communists into a coalition government."

"My information is also that General Wedemeyer recommended specific aid to the forces of Chiang Kai-shek to prevent the over-running of China by the Chinese Communists, which is happening today."

War Lost

"It is my opinion that Secretary Marshall and President Truman must share the responsibility for what has happened in China."

Representative Smith said: "When and if the Chinese Communists finally take over control of China, the war we won in the Pacific will have been lost."

He added: "That is more tragic than if some of the Western European countries went down. Our whole future is tied in with the Pacific."

"It looks now as though the Nationalist forces in China are

about through. It will be only a matter of time until we lose the Pacific to the Communists, as they surely will take over Japan, Korea, the Philippines and the entire Far East.

"As a direct result of the Communist successes in China, we look for a step-up in the pressure by the Communists in Western Europe." — Associated Press.

Many Dead Found In The Snow

Chicago, January 6.

Rescue workers today dug a mounting number of dead from snowdrifts after the fierce blizzard.

At least 10 bodies were found and other persons are still missing.

Most of the victims were frozen to death in snow-buried motorcars, trucks and cabins in Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming and South Dakota.

Rescue workers pressed through drifts 15 feet high in some places. The storm subsided and ended one of the greatest railway tie-ups in history.

Elsewhere, flood waters forced thousands of people to flee their homes.

The big freeze in Southern California is expected by some experts to cause more damage to the citrus fruit crop than the US\$50,000,000 loss suffered in 1937. —United Press.

Lindbergh The "Biggest Nazi"

Berlin, January 7.

The Soviet-licensed Berliner Zeitung calls Charles A. Lindbergh a Nazi and criticises his trip to Germany.

Lindbergh, special adviser to the Air Force Chief of Staff, is on a tour of the world to visit American air installations.

"It seems the unfortunate United States War Minister, Kenneth B. Rowell, has concluded a secret agreement to send the biggest American Nazis to Germany to improve their education, while the most promising brown shirt specialists are shipped to America," the paper said. —United Press.

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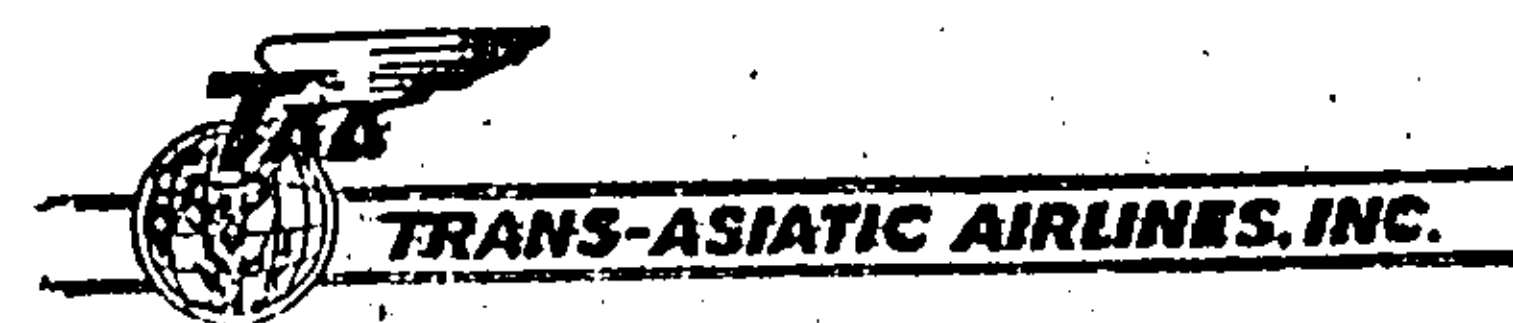
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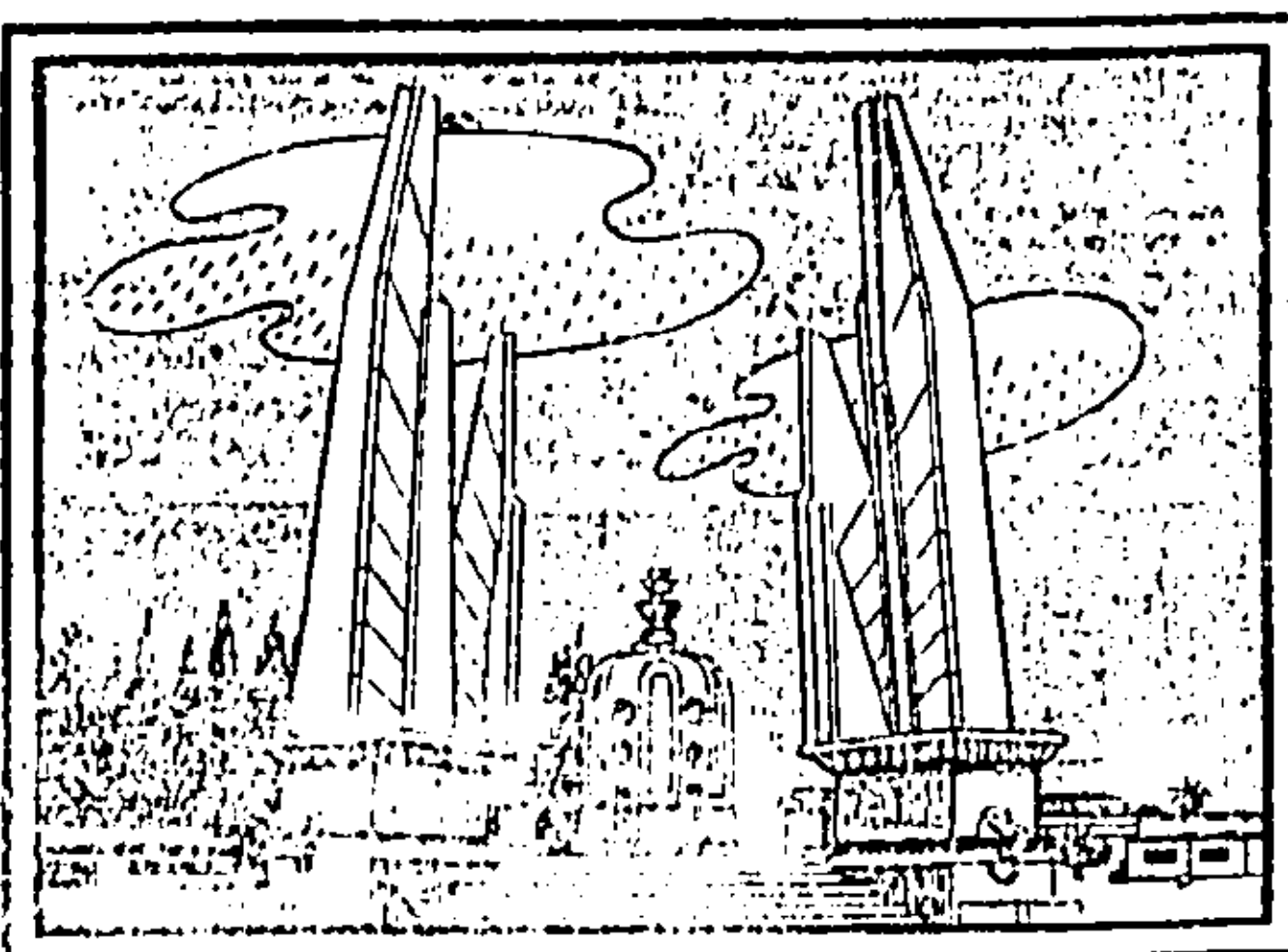
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A newcomer from England who is an intelligent if not entirely an assiduous reader of newspapers, was enquiring the other day if we ever had divorces in Hong Kong. In the two months he has been here, he has never seen any reported, he explained. After some searching through files, two or three short paragraphs were produced for his edification, summing up in perhaps 50 words the wreckage of two married lives. It did not, to him, seem very satisfactory.

It is necessary to interpolate a word on the law in Hong Kong—the same as in England—regarding newspaper reports of divorce cases. All that can be given is the names, addresses and occupations of persons concerned; a concise statement of the charges and counter-charges; submissions on any point of law; and the summing up of the judge and findings of the jury, if any. No evidence whatsoever may be given. However much extreme proponents of freedom of speech may protest against this ban, the great majority of people regard it as a sound limitation, keeping away from the public eye, including children, the publication of obscene, indecent and disgusting material.

On the other hand, justice is not something effected in secrecy, at least not in a democratic country. In its essence, it must be capable of examination by the people, in however contracted a form. For this reason, in an English divorce court, when evidence has been given in a contested case, the presiding judge gives a brief of comprehensive summing up in which addressing the jury before giving his decision, and this may be published. In Hong Kong, this practice is virtually unknown; in fact, a prolonged study of newspaper files may give not a single instance over the years. One cannot help wondering why. Whether or not the community coming under Occidental civil law is so small—and delicate of feeling—that not a rag of dirty linen must be washed in public, is at least a debatable point. If that is not the reason, it would be interesting to know what is.

Allied to this is the important question whether Hong Kong's "Christian" divorce laws should not be entirely remodelled and brought up to date with current practice in England. Apart from the ability to have a marriage annulled because of some condition that existed before the ceremony, such as lunacy or a still-existing former marriage, the only real ground for divorce in the Colony is adultery. The husband can have no other case against his wife although she, rather surprisingly and without explanation of the Victorian attitude, can cite one or two of the less common perversions against him.

The modern idea in England (where divorce is still very difficult to obtain) is nevertheless in favour of dissolution on the grounds of permanent insanity acquired after marriage, or of extreme cruelty, or refusal to have children.

If, as happens in the majority of unsuccessful marriages, the couple simply cannot live together because of utter incompatibility, their only way of obtaining a divorce is for one of them to commit adultery, thereby keeping within the letter of the law, or to fake it. The

THE FIFTY-SECOND INSTALMENT

CRUSADE IN EUROPE

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's
Own Story Of The War
In Europe

The remainder of the Allied forces continued their generally North-Eastern direction of advance to liberate Belgium, seize Antwerp, and threaten the Ruhr. This advance was conducted on a wide front and involved many incidents of marches and battles that will be told only in detailed history. For example, the American VII and XIX Corps advanced so rapidly that in the vicinity of Mons, location of one of the great battles of the first World War, they trapped between them an entire German corps. After a fierce engagement 25,000 prisoners were taken. In ordinary times this would have been reckoned as a great victory. But the lines were far from ordinary and the incident passed almost unnoticed in the press.

A special problem that became acute toward the end of August was that of determining what to do about Paris. During all preliminary operations we had been at great pains to avoid direct bombing of the French capital. Even in the process of destroying French communications we had, in the Paris region, done this by attacking railway bottlenecks outside rather than terminals inside the city. Pursuing the same general purpose, we wanted to avoid making Paris a battle ground and consequently planned operations to cut off and surround the vicinity, thus forcing the surrender of the defending garrison. We could not know, of course, the exact condition and situation of the city's population. At the moment we were anxious to save every ounce of fuel and ammunition for combat operations, in order to carry our lines forward

the maximum distance, and I was hopeful of deferring actual capture of the city, unless I received evidence of starvation or distress among its citizens.

In this matter my hand was forced by the action of the Free French forces inside the city. Throughout France the Free French had been of inestimable value in the campaign. They were particularly active in Brittany, but on every portion of the front we secured help from them in a multitude of ways. Without their great assistance the liberation of France and the defeat of the enemy in Western Europe would have consumed a much longer time and meant greater losses to ourselves. So when the Free French forces inside the city staged their uprising it was necessary to move rapidly to their support. Information indicated that no great battle would take place and that the symbol of French resistance, should make an entrance before I had to go in or through it.

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the African campaign, and now, on August 25, 1944, its command received the surrender from the German general commanding the Paris garrison. It was a satisfying climax to an odyssey which, in its entire length, carried all the way from Central Africa to Berchtesgaden in Germany. However, before the Germans were completely subdued in Paris and the city restored to order, the American 4th Division had to be brought in. Fortunately the fighting involved no great material damage to the city. From our viewpoint the most significant of all these fortunate circumstances was that the bridge over the Seine was left intact.

Immediately after the capture of Paris, I notified General De Gaulle that I hoped he would quickly enter the capital; I desired that he, as the symbol of French resistance, should make an entrance before I had to go in or through it.

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Allied front, I advised Montgomery of my intention and asked him to accompany me. This he was unable to do because of the rapidly changing situation on his front, and so I contented myself, in this respect, with taking along my British military assistant, Colonel Gault.

On the forward journey Bradley and I made a slight detour around an area in which fighting was still in progress, but entered Paris quietly and secretly, as we supposed, before noon on Sunday, August 27. We went immediately to call on De Gaulle, who was already surrounded by the traditional Republican Guards in their resplendent uniforms. We visited General Geroy, at the headquarters of the American IV Corps, and stopped to see General Keenly, who as a subordinate of SHAEF was commanding all the Free French Forces of the Interior. As we moved about the city word apparently got out that Bradley and I were in town and when we went past the Arc de Triomphe on the Etoile we were surrounded by a crowd of enthusiastic citizens. The exuberant greetings of the liberated population were a bit embarrassing and we made our way as exit gates and returned to Bradley's headquarters, near Chartres, quickly as possible to one of the hotels. While I was in the city General de Gaulle communicated to me some of his anxieties and problems. He asked for food and supplies. He was particularly anxious for thousands of uniforms for issue to the Free French Forces, so as to distinguish between them and the disorderly elements who, taking advantage of temporary confusion, might begin to prey upon the helpless citizens. He also wanted additional military equipment, with which to begin organizing new French divisions.

A serious problem in view of the disorganized state of the city was the speedy establishment of his own authority and the preservation of order. He asked for the temporary loan of two American divisions to use, as he said, as a show of force and to establish his position firmly. My memory flashed back almost two years, to Africa and our political problems of that time. There we had accepted the governmental organization already in existence and never during our entire stay had one of the French officials asked for Allied troops in order to establish or affirm his position as a local administrative authority. Here there seemed a touch of the sarcasm in the picture of Franco's symbol of liberation having to ask for Allied forces to establish and maintain a similar position in the heart of the freed capital.

Nevertheless, I understood De Gaulle's problem, and while I had no spare units to station temporarily in Paris, I did promise him that two of our divisions, marching to the front, would do so through the main avenues of the city. I suggested that while these divisions were passing through Paris they could proceed in ceremonial formation and invited him to review them. I felt that this show of force and De Gaulle's presence on the reviewing stand would accomplish all that he sought. I declined personally to be present at this formation but told him that General Bradley would come back to the city and stand with him on the reviewing platform to symbolize Allied unity.

Because this ceremonial march coincided exactly with the local battle plan it became possibly the only instance in history of troops marching in parade through the capital of a great

country to participate in pitched battle on the same day. A section of the British press commented that "the Americans love a parade," and somewhat critically observed that British troops, also, had participated in the campaign to free France and that none of the Allies should seek to take the glory. No one in official position, however, misunderstood the circumstances or criticized the incident. Moreover, as soon as the offending papers learned of the reasons, they were quick to retract, but it was merely another instance of the necessity, in modern war, for a commander to concern himself always with the appearance of things in the public eye as well as with actual accomplishment. It is idle to say that the public may be ignored in the certainty that temporary misunderstandings will be forgotten in later victory.

A similar instance, involving the press of both America and Britain, occurred during August when a story appeared in American papers alleging that General Montgomery was no longer in a co-ordinating position with respect to the ground forces and that both he and General Bradley, on equal status, were already reporting directly to me. This was denied from SHAEF merely because the described arrangement was not yet in force. The press report was completely accurate although premature; the change had long been planned but was not to be put into effect until September 1.

British newspapers greeted the story with great resentment, alleging that Montgomery had been demoted because of his success. The American press, on the other hand, hailed the story with considerable satisfaction because it indicated that the American troops, in their own channel of invasion, were now operating on a truly independent basis. The prompt denial from SHAEF consequently created confusion in America and General Marshall found it necessary to send me a telegram of inquiry on the point. I had to repeat at great length the exact details of our arrangements for the passing of command. I also allowed myself to express a certain amount of irritation by remarking in my telegram that "it wasn't enough for the public to obtain a great victory, the manner in which it was gained seemed to be more important." However, the reactions in both countries were completely normal. Were it not for the intensive patriotism and esprit that create this kind of nationalistic pride the task of organizing and maintaining armies in the face of continuing losses would be an impossible one. The incident became just one more profitable lesson in handling matters in which the public was certain to have great concern.

To Be Continued



A Touching Optimism

New York, December 31. The year 1948 is being kissed good-bye easily and eased towards the exit.

Most Americans will be glad to see her go. She's been extravagant and feckle, a trouble-maker, calamity-howler, and caremonger.

She's threatened war and produced strife. She's demanded most expensive presents and then tossed them away.

She behaved particularly badly during the past few days in Java, China and Palestine.

The New World will welcome a new girl. It expects great things from 1949—peace at home and abroad, thrift in the budgeting, love and loyalty, and no tantrums for being anti-American.

The optimism is, in fact, touching. This time, says the U.S. everything is going to work out all right. There'll be no war, there'll be an end to inflation, there'll be continued prosperity—at least, on this side of the water.

For Europe there'll be more support and encouragement, particularly for the recovery programme makes progress.

For Britain there'll be willingness to grant most things asked—perhaps a renewal of Lend-Lease, certainly an Atlantic alliance, and always ardent comradeship.

The British announcement of the Four-Year Plan for economic rehabilitation was a sober and impressive Christmas card for Americans.

Our blueprint of more austerity, sacrifice, and effort made stomachs rumble gullibly and minds wonder at British determination and stamina.

Looking at the record, newspapers here said: "Britain, with the hardest problem of any major nation, has accomplished most—she has done this the hard way, by austerity at home, far tighter even than in war-time."

"And now, instead of taking a much needed breather, she's just announced a four-year plan of harder work and austerity."

In New York it looks like being a comparatively quiet New Year's Eve. The barometer, instead of being set for a spell of riot, indicates chilling cold.

Bookings at night clubs and restaurants are way below last year's. Purchases of liquor, champagne, and food are not breaking any records.

Buyers' Revolt

There's a buyers' revolt against prices, even though the cost of living has dropped a half per cent. in the past month, and luxury items have dived 10 to 15 per cent.

The American custom of shooting the works and the wad, on

the last night of the Old Year is dwindling.

As the country becomes more mature and takes on greater responsibilities, its zest for carousing grows less. "Making whoopee" is an old-fashioned phrase—and fashion. Times-square is to be barricaded and all police leave has been cancelled, but many shopkeepers are not even bothering to board up their plate-glass windows.

I don't think the town will be painted in very lurid colours next Friday. At \$5 to \$10—the charge per person at cabarets and clip-joints—the paint has become too expensive.

And headaches are not worth that much.

During the past few weeks at least a dozen lesser night spots have shuttered as customers stayed away.

There has been too much care society on the cuff and too much profiteering by owners of sucker joints and tourist traps.

Only the well-established lush places, the Stork Club, El Morocco, Twenty-One, and such, continue to thrive.

Arctic Weather

The Arctic weather may have something to do with the public's desire to stay indoors instead of singing in the streets or suffocating on postage-stamp-size dance floors.

It is excruciatingly cold—only a few degrees above zero in the suburbs and around 20 degrees in the city. Many women seem to have lost their elegance as the mercury has fallen.

They are going around bundled up like Eskimos, as ungainly as potato sacks. Some are wearing ski-suits under their fur coats and greatcoats. Many have tinted glasses on their red noses to protect their mascaraed eyes from the glare. The fashion parade is not impressive. And the Christmas good will has not led very long—not in newspaper circles, anyway.

Columnist Westbrook Pogler, widely read and even more widely hated, is putting the winter blast on General Eisenhower for employing Britain's Kay Summersby as chauffeur during the war, and the New York Post is dubbing in swastikas on the British flag.

The Post, violently Zionist, says every day that Ernest Bevin

is really running the United States.

The hullabaloo about the Congressional Committee investigating un-American activities and Russian spies has become louder and more confused.

My own reaction is to deplore the whole business of a nation employing secret agents. A man does not spy on his neighbour, rifle his colleague's desk, sitch his friend's correspondence. Then why should countries?

Morality among nations should at least be as high as among individuals. I think the un-American Activities Committee would make more headway if it made less headlines.

Anyway, I'm no longer under assault for being anti-American or anything else.

I'm warmed and heartened by my Christmas letters from readers—a record post. Thank you. And to the strange gentleman who wants me to recognise Franco the answer is: I've recognised Franco for a long time—for what he is.

Growing Child

The entertainment business has learned one thing from the Old Year—that television is the big new factor in the amusement industry.

Once the child of radio, television may soon be its master. Expensive, eccentric, unreliable, and reared on radio money, it is getting more powerful every week and probably is destined to be greater than the movies, theatre, and radio combined.

There are fewer than 1,000,000 television sets in the United States and only about 50 television stations operating, but soon a wireless set without a television screen will be as obsolete as a horse and buggy—certainly in the United States.

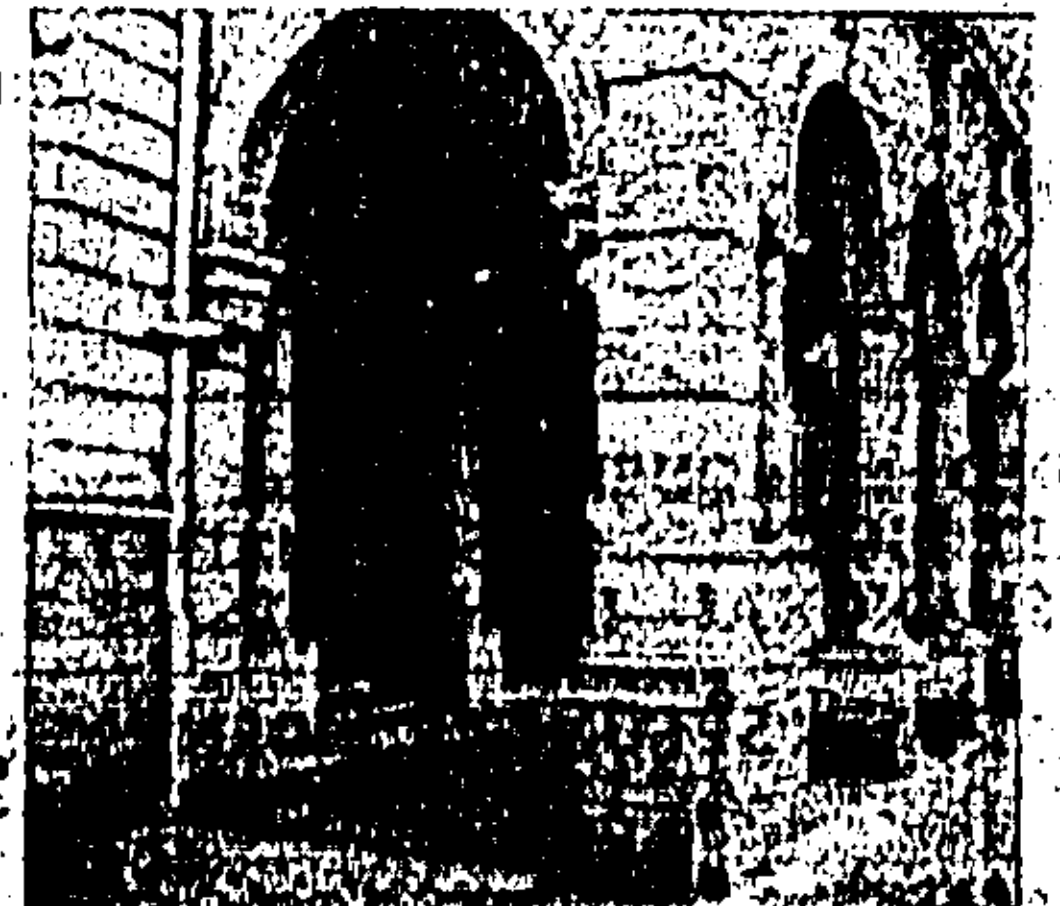
Hollywood, despite its dreadful wrangle with Britain, is showing more spirit as the year dies. Paramount executive Henry Ginsberg says: "Depression is largely psychological."

The big stars show less panic than the money men. They are confident they can command big dividends from personal appearances on stage, radio, and television.

Footnote: This is a good time for Communists to change their slogan to "Come the resolution."

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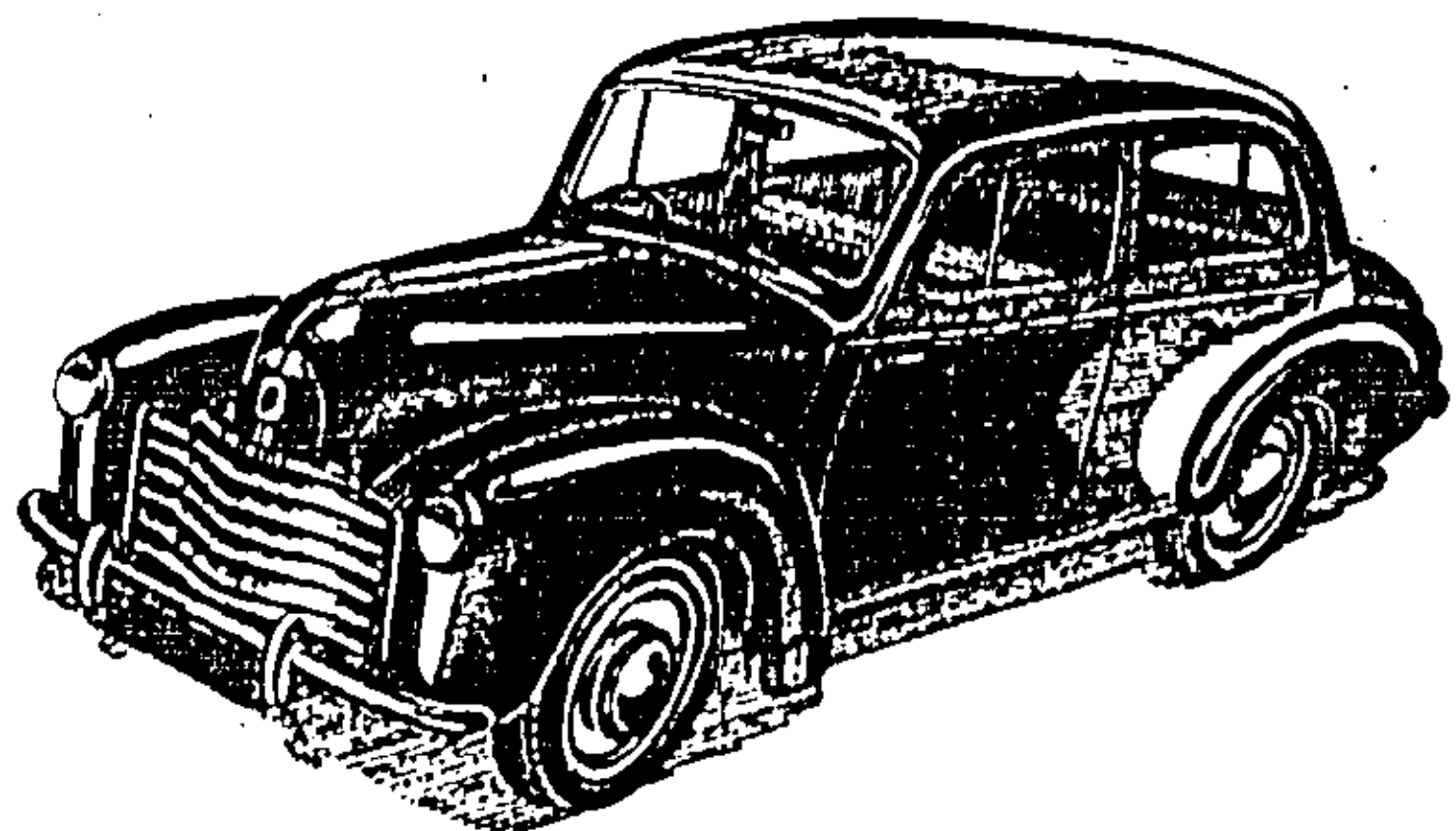
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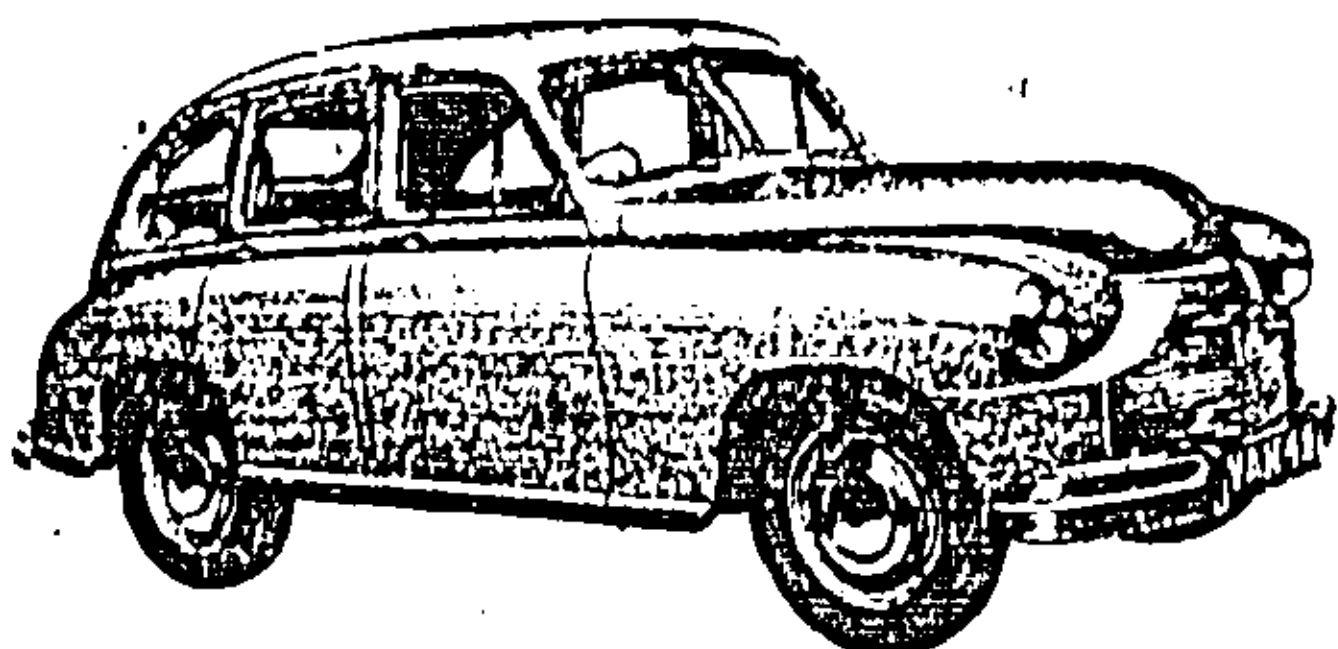


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British Coachbuilders Making Good Recovery



Something to be curious about. The new Morris, featuring an all-steel body.

If you are a Nabob or a company chairman and want something quite your own in the way of cars, you will still do best to go to the small and exclusive British coachbuilding industry with your desires.

But you will have to take along a rather large bag of gold or, even more welcome, a goodly pile of silver dollars, escudos or other pieces of hard money.

The fact is—upon examination of the Earls Court exhibits in the full appreciation of having closely studied Italian and French coachwork during the past year—that the British coachbuilder is now making as good a recovery as any equivalent industry. He probably has more chassis to choose from, and he can supply quite quickly (six months or so) the car of your dreams. There is no gadget or fitting which he will not willingly incorporate. And, in the tradition of the English tailor, bootmaker or cabinet maker, he can advise you and guide you in your individual choice with the experience of probably 200 years of craftsmanship behind him.

Here indeed is a highly specialized product which American cannot imitate at all and which in a world of tottering values has rather surprisingly risen again almost as heavily as before from the ashes of two world wars. Earls Court finds the coachbuilders even optimistic.

British special coachwork is not yet back in the lead in overall appearance, but it may not be long now. Among the reasons for this

have been that our special designers have been engaged during the war years on more austere objects, such as, for example, the line flow of aircraft nacelles, and they do not perhaps have the opportunity to travel from country to country absorbing and comparing world-wide ideas on the subject, as do executives and designers from the development departments of wealthier car manufacturers.

Nor do they regard themselves as fashion houses, but more as interpreters of their customers' ideas—regular customers all too often tending to be very conservative in taste. However, it is evident from the London Show that they are well abreast of post-war developments and nearly all have examples of such trends as the full-width body with its front seat for three; mudguards which enclose the wheels and have easily detachable covers; power operation for door windows, and coupe heads; and press-button doors, which can be suggested that such features are standard practice on the more expensive catalogued American cars, and that must indeed be agreed, subject only to the qualification that these fittings are often optional equipment offered at an extra charge in the U.S.A. It must be remembered, however, that the British coachbuilder is still an unrivalled first for the quality and workmanship of his car's upholstery and cabinet work, in walnut and other woods, and also for care and thought in the layout of equipment to give luxury, or rather superluxury, in cars.

Notable Cars

It is not easy to select, from the collection of more than 50 special cars made by more than a dozen firms, the highlights in this field; nor is it altogether desirable. Yet at exhibitions there are inevitably certain cars which create excited attention and by which that show is remembered. In the 1948 London Show, a half-dozen of the most interesting coachwork exhibits were:

1. Hooper's Daimler Straight Eight roadster.
2. Hooper's ultra-modern Rolls-Royce saloon.
2. Park Ward's version of a fashionable Rolls-Royce.
4. H. J. Mulliner's up-to-date four-door Bentley saloon.
5. James Young's similarly up-to-date two-door Bentley saloon coupe.
6. Freestone and Webb's four-door Bentley saloon, with all four wheels enclosed.

These six attempts are the most courageous in dealing with the difficult modern trend for full-width, all-enclosing bodies. Other models by the same firms, and by competition firms (such as Abbott, Barker, Gurney Nutting, Rippon, Thrupp and Maberly, Tickford, University, Vanden Plas, Vincents, and Windovers) carry on their deservedly high reputation for quality and comfort but in general on more orthodox lines.

The spotlight inevitably shines most brightly on the enormous turquoise-coloured Daimler of Hooper's—at £7,001 the most expensive car in the Show. That figure is made up of approximately 35 per cent Government purchase tax, 35 per cent coachwork price, and 29 per cent manufacturer's chassis price. This car is designed as a roadster for an owner-driver who indulges in Continental touring. There is a broad front seat for three, the squab of which is actually divided into three. Behind are folding occasional seats, but even these are armchairs. When the two rear seats are folded, this space is equivalent to the carrying capacity of a small van!

Pioneer Style

Additional luggage room is available in the long tail, but because of the mounting of the spare wheel horizontally (two can be carried inside) is not deep for such a large car and is further restricted by the electric motor fitted for the automatic hand winding. The styling of the Hooper's, tending towards transatlantic tastes with its painted woodwork, fine and grouped instruments looking almost like plastic.

What is more, the instrument panel follows the marked curve of the wide wind-screen, thus giving more knee room, and successfully avoiding the look of a tub, which is the danger of this latest fashion, which as far as can be said, has been pioneered by Hooper. There are also intriguing de-

Official Cars

Though devoting most of her effort in an intensive drive to produce as fast as possible a huge number of motor vehicles, principally large lorries, Russia is also turning out numerous cars. Hardly any of them are obtainable by anyone but the Forces and State officials.

The Polyeda ("Victory") light car is powered by a four cylinder engine and is about the size of most British 10 h.p. models. With a neatly streamlined body, it is said to be capable of 70 m.p.h., with a petrol consumption of 20-25 m.p.g. at normal speeds.

The Moskvitch, Russia's first very small car, is a three-seater model. It is softly sprung, for use on the bad roads.

The big 140 h.p. Zis car is a beautifully equipped model reserved for official and Forces personages. Trans-parent plastic is used in its rather exaggerated streamlined body, with press-button windows and interior heaters. Its cruising speed is claimed to be about 80 m.p.h. and special attention has been given to the springing, to reduce as far as possible the discomfort entailed by driving over rutty and stone-littered roads.

Plans For Synthetic Tyres

The United States rubber industry is making plans for the use of the newly discovered low-temperature synthetic rubber in the manufacture of motor tyres.

The 30,000 tons of synthetic rubber used in U.S. tyres every month is now made at a temperature of 122 degrees Fahrenheit. Results of experiments in making it "cold"—at a temperature of 41 degrees—have created considerable interest at Akron, Ohio.

Tests so far indicate that car tyre treads made of the new synthetic will outwear the best natural rubber treads by as much as 30 per cent, says Mr. Herbert Smith, president of the United States Rubber Co.

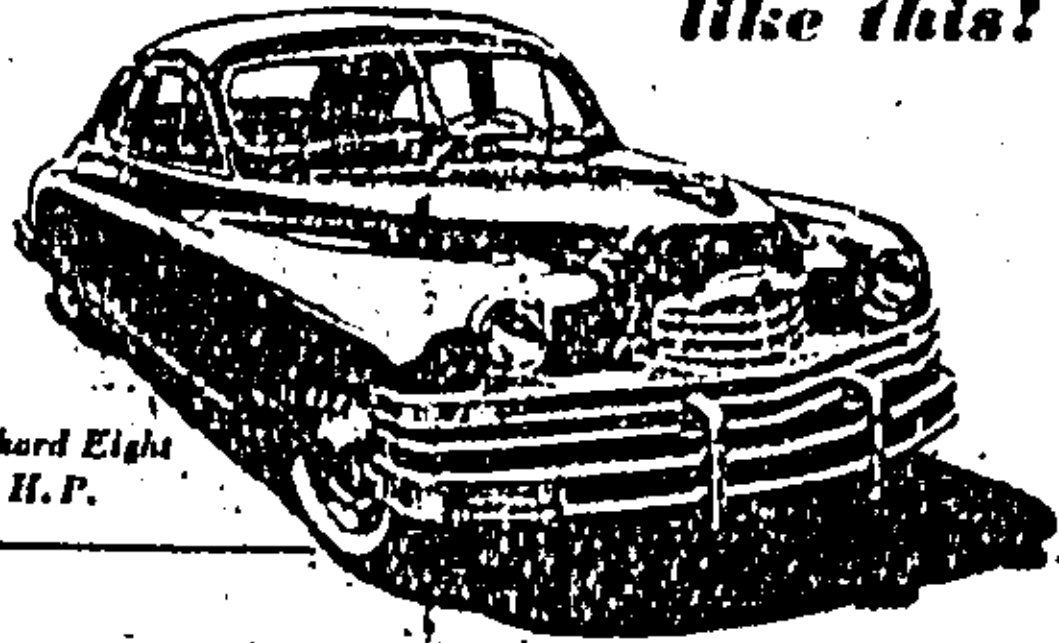
Refrigeration machinery and other new equipment must be installed in the synthetic rubber works if the output of the new rubber is to be increased.

The new rubber can be made for only a fraction more than ordinary GR-S synthetic rubber. It now sells for 15.5 cents (about 11d.) per lb., the same as GR-S. At present price levels, the cold synthetic could compete with best-quality natural rubber, which costs about 22 cents (about 1s. 1d.) per lb. Some lower grades of natural, however, used in bulk in tyre manufacture, cost less than synthetic rubber.

Designs such as the speedometer trip which can be switched to operate in miles or kilometres; the tool-kit which includes hand cleaning equipment, and the arrangement of handles and levers which lift the rear wheel covers.

The varying methods of fixing and removing rear wheel covers is becoming quite a study in itself. Park Ward have a version of this idea on their Rolls-Royce, which in the parlance of the time becomes one of the "new look" cars. This is finished in a cobalt blue and silver grey. It has a full saloon body in which wider than the rear seat, a currently popular arrangement, but also one that is inevitable on chassis in which the engine is not fitted over or ahead of the front axle line and which have an orthodox frame.

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U.S. FAMILY CAR NEARS LUXURY CLASS

The family car—long a symbol of the American standard of living—is more nearly a luxury item today than ever before. And prices aren't likely to drop soon.

The "little fellows," who form the bulk of purchasers, complain they haven't enough money to buy new or used cars. Even when they have the money, there aren't enough new cars to go around.

A United Press survey of 25 cities scattered over the country shows that inflation, the high cost of living and a wartime backlog of demand means "no car this year—maybe next year" for the average family. Auto dealers in a few cities say demand has increased and business is brisk. In most places, however, a seasonal slump in used cars and pinched pocketbooks have cut sales.

Typical comment from the car-hungry comes from Sam Liebowitz, a Philadelphia City Hall employee. "Prices are ridiculously high. My car is eight years old but I'll just have to make it do." Some have no choice. Walt Emmons of Kansas City said he smashed his car four years ago and hasn't been able to replace it.

Ex-servicemen who saved HK\$2,000 to HK\$3,200 during the war found the amount barely would cover down payments.

Joe Franklin, a salesman, speaks for another segment of the buying public. Things are getting tighter for him.

"I probably could finance a new car this year if I could get one," he said. "With prices the way they are, I may not be able to finance one next year, though."

For those who are waiting for prices to drop, the automobile industry has some gloomy observations. It says auto prices merely follow the general inflation.

Wholesale prices of passenger cars have climbed 82 per cent in the past eight years, according to the Automobile Manufacturers Association. But the price of wholesale building materials has jumped 114 per cent in the same period, and food is up 166 per cent. The average rise for all basic commodities, including cars, is 110 per cent.

The AMA says that on a retail basis, the 1940 farmer could sell about 1,530 bushels of corn and then pay for an average passenger car. But in 1948, he has to sell only 900 bushels to raise the total car payment.

Auto makers have been pointing out that they are practically the only group selling new products below the prices of the same items being sold second-hand.

They blame their price increases on the general rise in costs of labour and materials. For instance, they say average hourly earnings in all manufacturing industries have increased more than 103 per cent.

Dealers across the country say their orders are backlogged for a year to three years. Harry Paul of Harrisburg, says his orders jumped from 405 on January 1, 1946, to 1,580 today.

The Philadelphia Auto Trade Association says more than 25,000 orders are on dealer lists there, but there is a trend toward purchasers to pass up their turn because of inability to finance cars.

Used car dealers report a seasonal drop in business and several say buyer resistance appears to be calming the price spiral.

Credit restrictions, high factory costs and competitive buying in this high demand period have put many would-be motorists in the position of F. G. Kraft of Richmond.

"It's streetcars and buses for me for a long, long time to come," Kraft declared.

The Road Research Laboratory are conducting investigations into the effect of car radios on road safety. Advising delegates to the recent National Science Congress, Dr. W. H. Glavin, director of the Laboratory, said there were two views, one that radios relieved driving strain, the other that they were a distraction.

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The steering mechanism is simple and well conceived, comprising a rack and pinion gear behind the engine, linked to the wheels by the two halves of a divided track rod. Steering on the road is light and steady, while there is a notably compact turning circle to make the Minor a most convenient town car.

Rear suspension is by orthodox semi-elliptic leaf springs, the axle being of semi-floating construction and incorporating hypoid gears to lower the propeller shaft. An unusual point is that the Armstrong shock absorbers are mounted on the axle casing, and not on the frame of the car, as is more usual, so that any noises produced will not be audible to passengers.

Economy In New Morris

Economy in running costs is the primary objective of the new Morris Minor, a car which is uniquely well attuned to the needs of many motorists today. Replacing the popular Series E Morris Eight, it offers improved fuel consumption yet also has increased body width, enhanced performance, and greater riding comfort.

The very substantial all-round progress which this newcomer signals is the result of a long period of development work, a period during which many attractive schemes were tried and abandoned before the present model was evolved. In the ultimate form, a well-tried power unit continues in use, but becomes more economical in a lighter, freer-running car with raised gear ratios. After more than a dozen years of experience with chassisless construction, Morris Motors, Ltd., have retained it for 1949, and have effected a weight saving despite the new car being roomier than its predecessor.

More important than weight reduction, however, is the shaping of the new car to pass more freely through the air. Streamlining, which, it is stated, has produced approximately 5 m.p.h. more maximum speed with unchanged power output, is even more beneficial in providing more economical running at moderate road speeds. An innovation which has assisted in the attainment of lines which are right both aesthetically and aerodynamically is the reduction of road-wheel-rim diameter to only 14 ins., tyre section being 5.00 ins.

All Steel

The body, as has been said, is all-steel construction. An important detail point is that the box-section side members incorporate drillings which, apart from saving weight, allow both interior and exterior surfaces to receive rust-proofing treatment. Apart from the body frame lower members, two box-section longons set at a narrower, spacing extend forwards from the central cross-member of the power unit to only 14 ins., tyre section being 5.00 ins.

The four-cylinder side-valve engine is set very far forwards in the car, so that the two-piece steering track rod actually passes above the gearbox. It is a proven power unit for which spares are universally available, and is accommodated in an exceptionally compact compartment with large opening top panel, an arrangement which provides outstanding accessibility to all parts. At night the built-in side lamps light up the whole interior of the engine compartment.

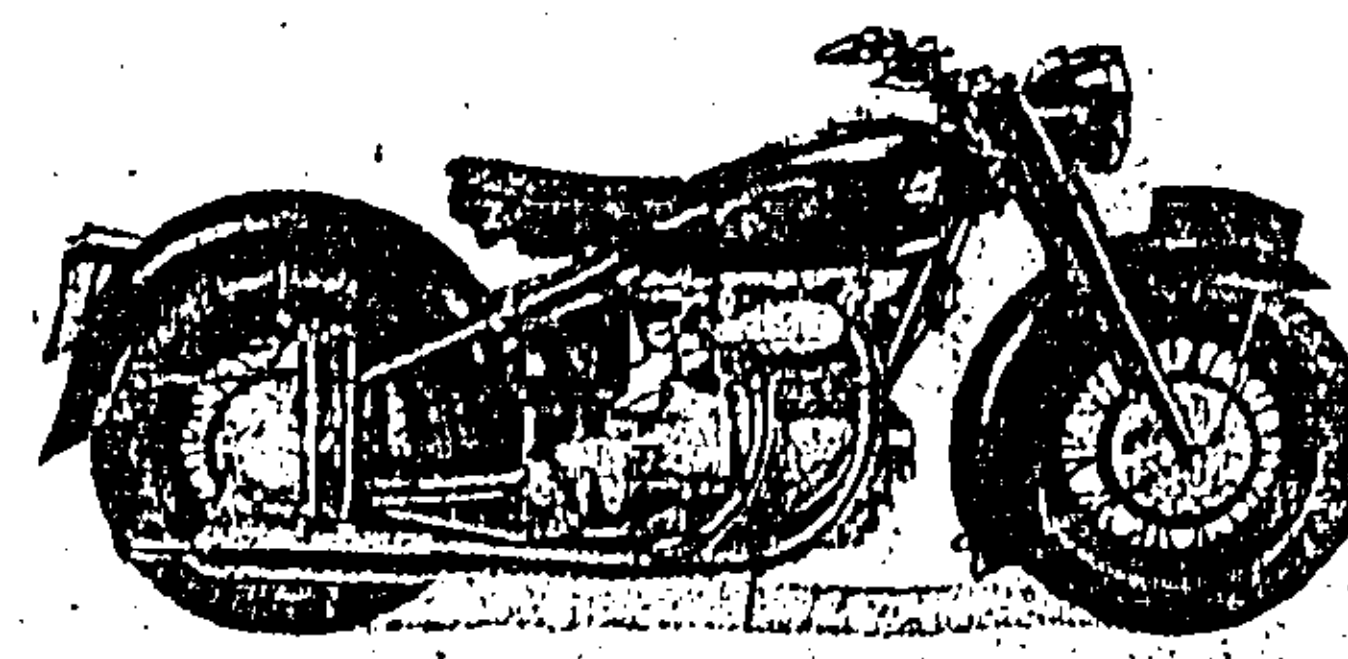
Independently sprung front wheels are now used in layout being much more clever than a bare recitation of unequal transverse wishbones and hydraulically damped torsion bar springs might suggest. Mechanically simple, requiring a minimum of service attention the design yet provides very desirable characteristics.

The lower transverse member on each side of the car comprises two channel sections set back to form an I-beam, the front section being a steel pressing, the rear one a forging applied to the longitudinally mounted torsion bar. Extending diagonally forward from the outer end of this composite I-beam and acting as a tension brace against braking stresses, is a circular-section rod, the chassis end of which is universally mounted in rubber bushes.

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ALL-OUT AID TO CHINESE RECOMMENDED BY BULLITT

Call For Peace Only First Bid

New York, January 6.
The New York Times says that though Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's peace terms have been rejected by the Communists, that these terms are only Chiang's first bid.
"Their rejection came only from Communist propaganda agencies and not from the Communist leaders themselves," the editorial adds.
"There is, therefore, considerable room for bargaining and compromise."
"These are not only in the Chinese tradition but may well be facilitated by the general demand for peace."
The paper says this demand for peace has been mainly directed at the Chiang Kai-shek government coupled with calls for his resignation.
It is, however, now being served on the Communists as well.
"It remains to be seen whether they can remain wholly intransigent to it," the editorial concludes.—United Press.

Marxism Guide For Scientists

Moscow, January 6.
Soviet scientists were told today that the history of science in the USSR must follow Marxist principles.
"This guiding principle was expounded by the Soviet physicist S. Vavilov, who is President of the Academy of Science, when the academy opened a special session at Leningrad devoted to the 'history of science of the fatherland.'"
Mr. Vavilov said: "The history of science must be built according to Marxism in the spirit of the great teachings of Lenin and Stalin."
He remarked on the "out-rageous servility to foreign authorities, previously cultivated here so that many native scientists had to be rediscovered in Soviet times."
"It is an obligation of all Soviet science to restore the historical truth to show truly the high place of native science in world culture," he said.—United Press.

AIRLIFT OF DP'S IS SUSPENDED

Shanghai, January 7.
The Civil Aviation Administration has suspended all airlifts of foreign displaced persons in Shanghai.

The action is taken pending a public hearing among the six international airlines and their rival non-scheduled airline on the question of giving all a share in the work of transporting refugees from Shanghai to resettlement centres.

Only one remaining airlift of the International Refugee Organisation has been authorised. It is a flight of 50 European DP's from Shanghai to Sydney, Australia, possibly to be made today.

The CAA action followed a protest from six international airlines, including the British Overseas Airways Corporation, the Dutch KLM, Air France and the American, North West Airlines and Pan-American Airways, against the IRO's charter agreement with a non-scheduled airline, Transocean Airlines.

They informed the IRO that they, as scheduled (or regular) airlines, should be given the opportunity to participate in the airlift of displaced persons and objected to an outsider being given the whole contract.

Mr. Jennings Wong, the IRO's Far East Director, in order to clear up the misunderstanding, replied to the joint airlines' petition.

FIRE IN CHAPEL

Shanghai, January 7.
A fire which broke out late yesterday in the Chapel district of Shanghai destroyed 300 bamboo sheds, rendering 2,000 low class Chinese homeless.

The number of casualties is not known, but it is known that several children were burnt to death.—Associated Press.

WANTS MACARTHUR AS COMMANDER OF NANKING'S ARMIES

Washington, January 6.

Mr. William C. Bullitt suggests that General MacArthur as the American general to turn back the Communist tide in China.

After reporting to the U.S. Congress that a civil war victory for Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist armies will require American direction and control exercised by a fighting general, Mr. Bullitt said:

"I believe General MacArthur could do the job in less time than any other general."

He told reporters after his closed door Congressional report that he thinks a staff of 600 officers should be sent to China to serve under the American general.

In his Congressional report, the former American diplomat said: "It is very late but not yet too late to save China from the Communists."

Mr. Bullitt made his report to the joint Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives on foreign economic operations. The Committee sent him to the Far East as its special representative last November.

Republican Senator Styles Bridges, Co. Atty. Chairman, told a news conference that Mr. Bullitt was sent to China to ascertain the latest economic and military conditions and the necessity for further American help.

In a four-point conclusion Mr. Bullitt reported:

1. U.S. Direction Essential
The Economic Co-operation Mission should be highly commended for the excellent work it has done.

2. Economic aid, without military supplies, will retard slightly the conquest of China by the Communists.

3. Economic aid and military supplies without American direction and control will delay considerably Communist conquest of China but will not prevent further Communist advances.

4. To turn the tide of the war in China therefore requires not merely economic aid and military supplies but also American direction and control, exercised by a fighting general of the highest quality, with an adequate staff of able officers.

Dishonest Generals
Mr. Bullitt said the Chinese have no single government general with the military training and technical skill to meet the attack of a Communist army of more than 2,000,000 men.

Mr. Bullitt says Chinese soldiers and junior officers are good, but many of the officers from the rank of major upward are both incompetent and dishonest—especially the generals.

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Appeal From Behind The Red Curtain

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One of the rare direct messages from American missionaries behind the Red lines has been received.
A couriered letter written on November 25 reached the Lutheran Augustana Mission in Shanghai from a nurse, Miss Anna F. Olsen at Chien-hsien, 65 miles South West of Chenghsien, in Honan Province. The letter ordered medical supplies for her clinic and said the Reds are not interfering with the work although they come around from time to time.
W. Burdett Benson, head of the Mission here, who discloses the letter, says Lutheran groups in China are determined to maintain their work in China and denies a New York press report that they are pulling out.—Associated Press.

Lie Decides Not To Act

Lake Success, January 6.

The United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Trygve Lie, announces that he has decided not to intervene in the Chinese war.

The official announcement says Mr. Lie has given the matter careful consideration and has failed to see that any action on his part will be helpful in the present situation.

The question whether the United Nations may step into the Chinese conflict was raised yesterday at Mr. Lie's first regular press conference since his return from the Paris General Assembly session. Then Mr. Lie said he would consider whether the United Nations can do anything to halt the warfare between Chiang Kai-shek's forces and the Chinese Communists.

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Mission To Reds Suggested

Shanghai, January 7.
A suggestion that a delegation of respected Shanghai citizens be sent to interview the Communist leaders to ascertain their exact attitude towards the current nationwide call for peace is made by Mr. Fang Chih, head of the local Kuomintang.

Speaking at a local public rally in support of the peace movement, Mr. Fang Chih called upon the people of Shanghai to take a more positive course of action besides the issue of telegram and statements in their present efforts for the realisation of peace.

He suggests that it will be practical for a delegation composed of respected local persons acceptable to the Reds as progressive elements and not members of the Government's "special service" to enquire for the Communist-held areas and ask the Red leaders what exactly is on their minds.

A measure for strengthening Shanghai's defences was discussed at a military conference, convened by General Chen Tachung, the Shanghai Garrison Commander, at his headquarters yesterday.

The conference also dealt with such issues as the proper control of disbanded soldiers and the training of militia groups.—Reuter.

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NETHERLANDS PREMIER ARRIVES IN BATAVIA

Batavia, January 6.

The Dutch Prime Minister, Dr. William Drees, arrived in Batavia by air on his special mission to deal with the situation on the spot.

The early formation of a Federal Government with one or more Republican leaders co-operating will, it is thought, be a useful counter to international criticism of the Dutch police action and particularly to the Asian conference on Indonesia called by the Indian Premier, Pandit Nehru.

Such Republican opinion as is available in Batavia rejects the possibility of Republican leaders' co-operation with the Dutch in the present circumstances.

Dr. Drees is expected to give early consideration to the conditions laid down by the Republican Emergency Government in Sumatra yesterday for a resumption of the talks with the Dutch. Dr. Drees himself declines to say whether he is likely to meet the Republican leaders captured by the Dutch.

It is thought in Batavia that the leaders, free and not free, will await the outcome of Pandit Nehru's New Delhi conference and that guerrilla warfare will continue meanwhile.

The Dutch Prime Minister said he had come to Batavia because it was essential that there should be complete understanding between The Hague and Batavia.

He will first see the Dutch High Commissioner for Indonesia, Dr. Louis Beel, members of the Federal States.

The outcome of these discussions will decide the length and scope of his visit, Dr. Drees added.

Reds Thrown Into Boiling Oil

Ceylon has accepted Mr. Nehru's invitation to the forthcoming New Delhi Conference on Indonesia.

A Dutch Army communiqué issued in Batavia today said the Republican forces threw Communists into boiling oil at Bilit, South East Java.

In the neighbouring town of Lodojo, Republican troops killed 150 men. The statement added that at several places, the Masjumi (Islamic Party) made a

clean sweep of a great number of Communists before the Dutch forces arrived.

Mr. Merle Cochran, American member of the United Nations Good Offices Committee for Indonesia, who has been recalled to Washington for consultation, will leave Batavia tomorrow in a United States Army plane for Manila.

From there he will fly to Washington by civilian airliner. The Committee's usual weekly press conference tonight was cancelled but no reason was given.—Reuter.

Australian Killed In Sumatra

Batavia, January 6.

An Australian named Cobley and three other occupants were killed when a Republican Catalina flying boat crashed in Sumatra, a Dutch Army communiqué reported today.

Cobley was the pilot. He was trying to take off from the river at the South Sumatra oil centre and port of Djambi when the Catalina crashed.

A Dutch Army report on December 30 announced the capture of a Catalina said to belong to a Major R. R. Cobley, described as aged 28 and formerly of the British Army.

It said Major Cobley was one of the Republicans' two foreign airmen and that he fled into the jungle before the Dutch seized Djambi.—Reuter.

President Held At Balikpapan

Batavia, January 7.

President Soekarno of the Indonesian Republic is being held by the Dutch Government at Balikpapan, Dutch Borneo, more than 700 miles from his Java capital of Jogjakarta.

Dutch officials have given no indication thus far of intention to comply with a United Nations order to release the captured leaders of the Republic.

The Dutch refused comment, other than to repeat that the leaders, captured on December 19, are held at mountain hotels outside the island of Java.

The report was published by the Chinese-language paper Sin Po.

The same newspaper recently reported that an emergency Republican Government still is functioning in Java, made up of minor

U.S. SUGGESTS COURSE OF ACTION TO DUTCH

Washington, January 7.

The United States today called upon the Netherlands to give concrete demonstration of its intention to satisfy legitimate aspirations of the Indonesians for self-rule.

The Under-Secretary of State, Robert Lovett, advanced the suggestion in a letter to Philip Murray, President of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, one of the two dominant American Labour Groups.

The letter reviewed U.S. efforts to end the fighting between the Dutch and Indonesian Republican forces.

Mr. Lovett served notice that the American Government will refuse to accept as final the so-called Dutch police action which crushed the Indonesian Republic several weeks ago.

"The United States cannot, of course, endorse or condone solution by force of such a problem as that in Indonesia," Mr. Lovett said.

The American Government hopes the Netherlands will remember that "lasting peace in Indonesia can only be built upon the trust and co-operation of the Indonesian people, including the Republican element which has been in the van of the Nationalist Movement," he went on.

Popular Government

Mr. Lovett expresses the view that Netherlands authorities should organize an Indonesian Government in which all parties could seek and obtain representation in accordance with their popular followings, through the exercise of free, democratic processes.

The letter was made public on the heels of another slap at Netherlands military action in Indonesia. That move was an order recalling the U.S. delegate to the United Nations' group trying to settle the dispute.

Mr. Lovett states the American position in a 1,000-word letter answering an appeal made by Mr. Murray to the Secretary of State, George Marshall, on December 23.

Mr. Murray's message expressed CIO approval of United States leadership in trying to stop hostilities in Indonesia.

He voiced the hope that the American Government would take every feasible step in the realm of diplomacy and economics to help terminate the Dutch aggression in Indonesia.

In reply, Mr. Lovett noted that the United States has suspended further Marshall Plan help to the Indies pending end of fighting.

The press officer, Michael McDermott, told reporters at a news conference that the United States' views on means of stopping the fighting have been communicated directly to the Netherlands Government.

Mr. Lovett says the anti-Communist complexion of the Republican Government in Indonesia is something the State Department kept in mind in urging the Netherlands to reach agreement with it.

He said that the resolute action taken against the Communist forces shows that the Republican Government is not fooled by the lip service Communists are paying to the Nationalist ideal in Indonesia.

He comments, "The institution of alien controls of far reaching and tyrannical character is the true goal of international Communist forces."

Mr. Lovett notes that the United Nations' Secretary General has rejected an American proposal that the Dutch withdraw to positions they held before they launched their military action on December 18.

The Council's refusal to adopt this American view, he said, emphatically does not mean that the U.S. Government has abandoned hope of a constructive solution to the Indonesian problem in which the legitimate interests of both sides may be safeguarded and, indeed, enhanced.—Associated Press.

Invasion Prompted "By Fear"

New York, January 6.

Mr. Robert Delson, counsel to the Republic of Indonesia, today said: "The treacherous Dutch invasion of Indonesia was prompted by their fear of pending trade agreements between the Republic of Indonesia and the United States."

Mr. Delson, who has been studying agreements to open Indonesian-American trade, said:

"Had the Dutch not attacked on December 18, valuable raw materials for the Americans' security programme would have been en route to the United States."

"We have reason to believe the Dutch were frightened by the prospect of Indonesian exports to this country which would have jeopardized their cartel system. Their cartels forced the Indonesians to sell valuable products to the Dutch at a fraction of their market price."

Mr. Delson is one of the speakers who will address a meeting sponsored by the India League of America to protest Dutch action in Indonesia.—United Press.

COLONY TO BE FILMED

London, January 7.

The Colonial office announces that a Government film unit will leave this month to make films of the West Indies.

A series of pictures will be made for use to arouse greater British interest in colonial affairs. The Director, Graham Wallace, will be in charge of the work which will require several months.

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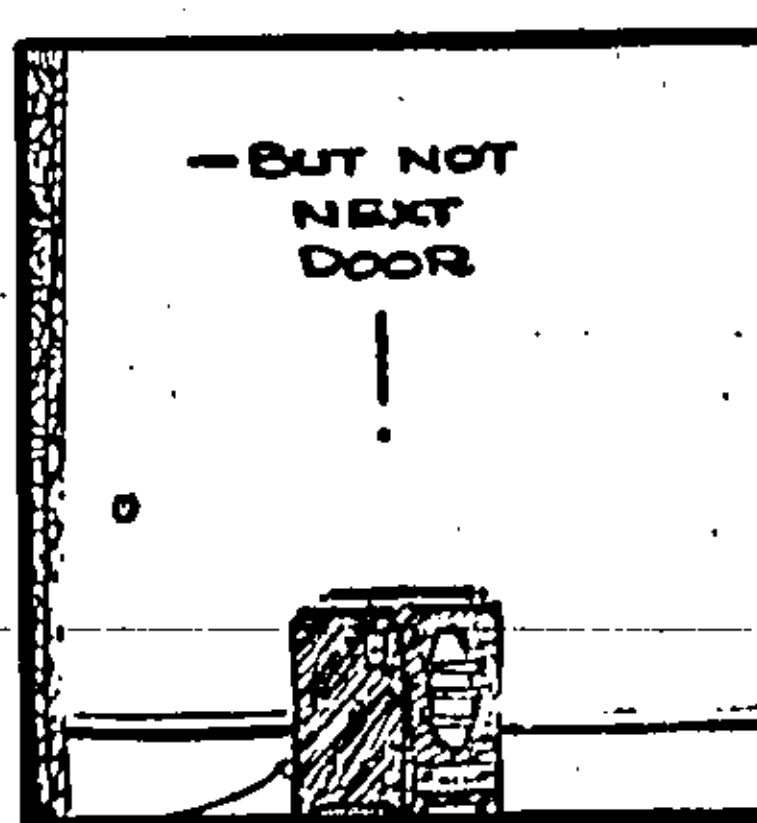
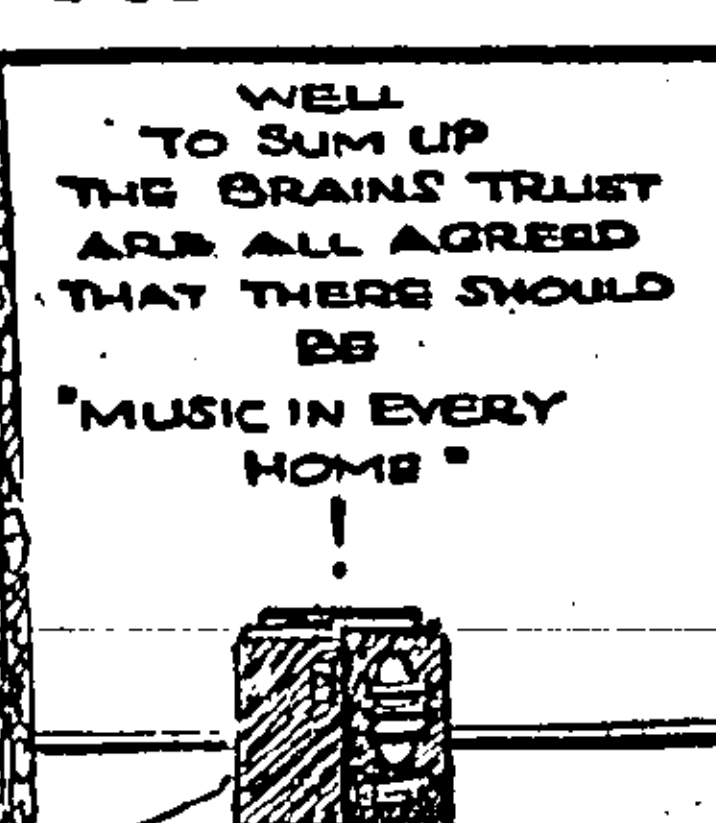
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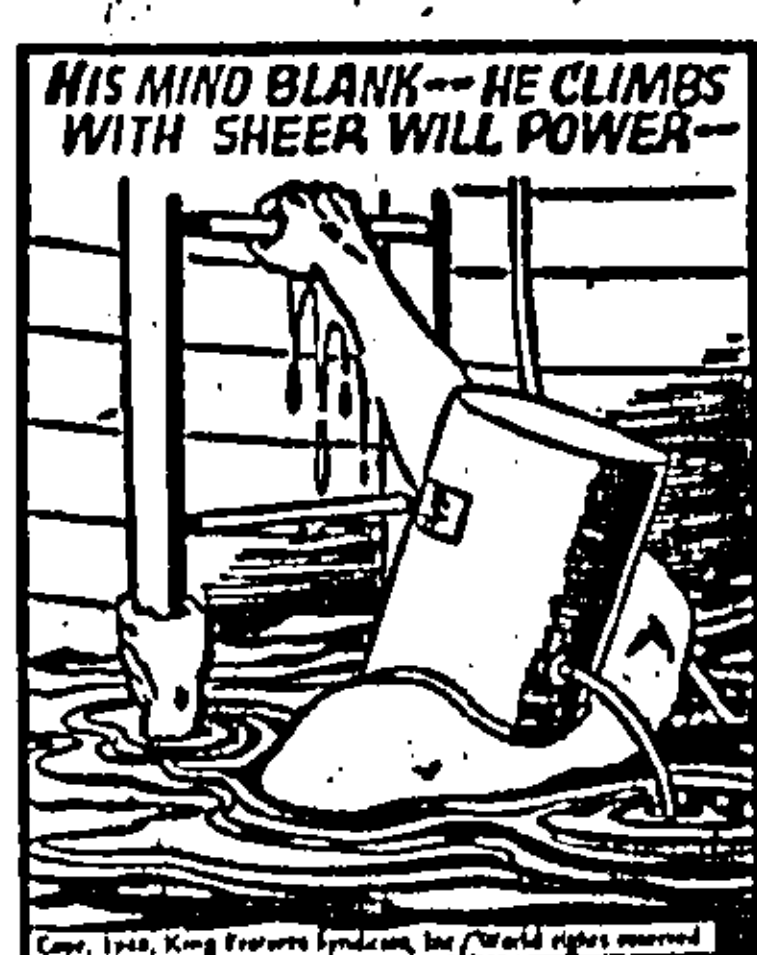
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The Foreign Office today publishes a detailed analysis of the growth of the Israeli Air Force. It estimates that this force possesses today at least 114 aircraft compared with about 40 in June when the United Nations banned the delivery of arms to both sides in Palestine.

The total includes 40 operational fighter aircraft which came from the State-owned armament industry of Czechoslovakia, according to this account.

The fighters, mostly of the type Messerschmidt 109-G, were transported to Palestine by air in crates and assembled in Palestine.

The Foreign Office statement asserts that Israel has received deliveries of other armaments from Czechoslovakia, including high explosives, incendiary bombs, machine-guns, automatic weapons and ammunition and cannons and machine guns for the armament of other Jewish aircraft.

Fighter pilot trainees have been sent from Palestine to Czechoslovakia for instruction.

Also according to the Foreign Office information, a small fleet of American planes often using call signs and markings of a non-European country have been running a regular cargo ferry service from Czech arms factories to Palestine, amounting to some 80 tons per week.

These planes refuel at small airfields in Yugoslavia and then usually proceed down the Albanian and Greek coasts and along the Southern coast of Crete to Tel Aviv.

Manned by experienced, highly paid mercenaries of foreign nationality, the operation of this fleet has been facilitated by the exemption of its personnel from many of the usual restrictions and formalities applied to foreigners in Czechoslovakia.

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The representative added that the Standard Oil and Shell-Mex Companies had received similar notifications but no decisions had been taken on what would be done.—Reuter.

SHIP AGROUND

London, January 6.

Lloyds shipping intelligence reports from Copenhagen that the 391-ton Swedish steamer, Valen, sailing with a cargo of coal from Hlyth, Denmark, to Middleport, Fyen, Denmark, was aground at Halsak, off the coast of Fyen.—Reuter.

NOTICE

URBAN COUNCIL

CHINESE NEW YEAR FAIR

1. It is hereby notified for information that spaces for the Chinese New Year Fair (January 19 to January 28, 1949, inclusive) will be allotted in the following areas:—

HONG KONG:—Gloucester Road between Fenwick Street and Stewart Road.

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3. Applications for stall spaces should be made in person to the Hawker Licensing Office, Leighton Hill Road, Hong Kong, on or after January 17, 1949. Each applicant should furnish two copies of a passport size photograph.

4. No unlicensed stalls will be allowed.

5. Stalls spaces will be let for the sale of the following commodities only:—

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- (4) Dried-meat (Lap Ap and Lap Cheung);
- (5) Chinese confectionery;
- (6) Ice-cream (by approved companies only);
- (7) Curios and Crockery;
- (8) Toys;
- (9) Pictures and Calendars;
- (10) Chinese Stationery;
- (11) Haberdashery;
- (12) Sandalwood.

6. When applying for stall licences, applicants must state which of the above commodities they desire to sell.

7. No persons will be allowed to display their wares in places other than the authorised stall spaces mentioned in paragraph 1 above.

N. B. M. WHITLEY, Secretary, Urban Council. January 6, 1949.

RAF Reinforcement In Middle East

London, January 6.

"Although still not officially confirmed, it is now widely believed that British troops are on their way to defend the Transjordan port of Aqaba, at the head of the Gulf of Aqaba, and that Royal Air Force units in Transjordan have been reinforced.

It is also generally believed that the British forces in the Canal Zone of Egypt have been alerted after the penetration of Israeli forces into Egypt last week.

The issues facing Britain, if Israel persists in extending its frontiers and threatening those of the neighbouring Arab States, are grave, in view of the British treaty commitments in Egypt and Transjordan.

The possibility that Britain may have to give military support to these two States still exists.—Reuter.

Israel And Egypt Agree To Stop Battle In Negev

Lake Success, January 6.

Dr. Ralph Bunche, acting United Nations Palestine mediator, today announced that Israel and Egypt have agreed to an immediate cease fire, to be followed by the earliest possible negotiation of an armistice.

The halt in the fighting concentrated in the Negev originally was to have become effective at 2 p.m. today, but because of communications delays, Dr. Bunche cabled both sides tonight asking them to make the deadline noon tomorrow.

United Nations officials say the sudden end of the long Israeli-Egyptian deadlock may pave the way a final peace settlement in the entire Middle East.

Dr. Bunche says that Egypt, which originated the combined cease fire and armistice plan, and Israel have agreed to negotiate an armistice directly. The United Nations will sit in and help supervise negotiations. The time and place of the peace talks will be fixed soon.

United Nations officials point out that a Jewish-Egyptian agreement does not mean the two governments have agreed to an actual armistice; but the deal secretly arranged by U.N. officials in Cairo and Tel-Aviv does mean that Egypt has broken its stand against negotiation directly with the Jews and that the chances for final settlement of the Holy Land war are looking up.

The agreement provides that the two governments will negotiate simultaneously on:

1. The armistice called for by the U.N. Security Council in an order issued to the Arabs and Jews last November 16.
2. Military withdrawals by the Jews in the Negev area to lines occupied before Israel's Egyptian war broke out anew last October 14.

The United Nations admits that either Israel and particularly the Negev withdrawal tangle can snag on any one of a dozen points on which the Jews and Egyptians have long failed to agree.

Dr. Bunche is jubilant, however. He said: "I am greatly encouraged by this development and earnestly hope the negotiations contemplated will lead to permanent peace in that area."

Jews Set Up A Post In Egypt

London, January 7.

A Foreign Office spokesman said last night that the Israeli army has set up a fortified strongpoint five miles inside Egyptian territory.

The spokesman said that information reaching the Foreign Office from British sources in Egypt discloses that three anti-tank guns have been set up at the strongpoint which, he said, is encircled by barbed wire.

He added: "The obvious deduction from the existence of the 'strongpoint' is that the Jews intend to stay inside Egyptian territory."

An Israeli Government spokesman asserted on Wednesday night that Jewish troops entered Egypt recently, driving 30 miles into the country to the Egyptian military base of El Arish.

The Israeli official said the troops were withdrawn and there was never at any time, any design on the part of Israel to occupy Egyptian territory.—Associated Press.

Huk Attacks On Bataan Towns

Manila, January 7.

Twenty were killed and nine others wounded and scores of houses razed in a three-pronged Huk-balahap attack on Orani in Bataan Province yesterday.

Estimates of the number of houses burned range from 70 to 100.

A high-ranking Headquarters officer says fighting undoubtedly will continue in the mountainous areas near Orani, where the disbanding, estimated to number between 300 and 500, are retreating in accordance with their hit and run tactics.

The officer cannot say whether the situation is under control, in the absence of complete reports, but says Constabulary reinforcements have been dispatched to the area.

Those killed included five soldiers, nine civilians, and six Huk-balahap fighters, and one soldier was wounded.

One press report, however, gives the number of dead as 24 and the wounded as 24.

An unofficial report estimates the value of the loot carted away by the Huk-balahap, \$50,000, mostly in cash and jewelry.

The Huk-balahap raid coincided with a similar raid on Lumban in Laguna Province, tending to give credence to reports that some overall Huk-balahap directed both operations. Unconfirmed reports say that the Huk-balahap, led by Tala, is back in the Pal-

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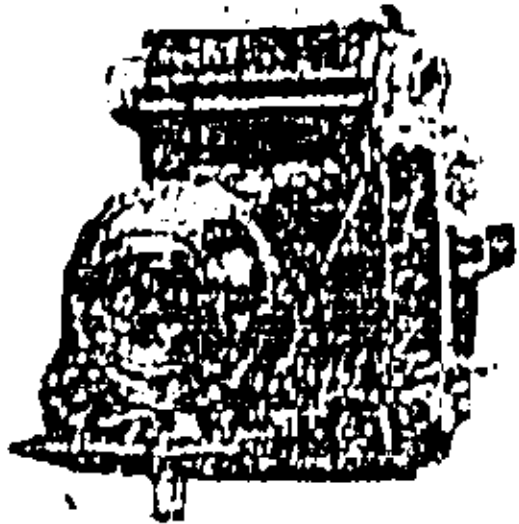
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ARMY MEET SAINTS IN CHALLENGE SHIELD TILT

(By "ROYER")

League soccer will again take a back seat this week-end, the programme being confined to Second Round Challenge Shield games this afternoon and a game between the Koreans and a Hong Kong XI at Caroline Hill tomorrow.

The best game on the programme this afternoon should be seen at Sookunpoo, where Army and St. Joseph's will meet to decide who will qualify for the next round.

Of the two remaining Senior Shield games this afternoon, the meeting between Kit Chee and Eastern at Caroline Hill should be a closely contested affair, providing spectators with plenty of thrills.

The encounter between Club and Police at Happy Valley is not likely to result in football of a high standard. Club should win quite comfortably.

Spectators who visit Sookunpoo this afternoon to see the game between Army and St. Joseph's should be treated to a fast and interesting exhibition of football.

Although the soldiers have been showing more consistency than the Saints and look good for a win, the Saints are likely to cause an upset today as they are always keen when fighting with their backs to the wall.

One Weakness

The one weakness of the Saints is in the forward line, where they lack an inside two which can shoot.

Army will in all probability be fielding their regular side, with the exception of Cordell, who left for home during the week. It is understood that another promising Army player, Anderson, will be taking over Cordell's duties as a substitute.

The game at Caroline Hill between Kit Chee and Eastern is expected to attract a large following. Both teams have indicated that they will be at full strength for this match and should this turn out to be the case, a close game should result, with the honours going to Eastern by a narrow margin.

At Happy Valley, Club will be at home to Police. Club have improved considerably of late and if Mullen and Kierman can reproduce the form which they displayed against the Koreans on Tuesday last, the Police are due for a heavy defeat.

Not Impressive

The Police were not at all impressive in their match against South China "A" a fortnight ago. Their forwards lacked initiative, while their defence was prone to indulge in tactics which would have been dealt with more drastically by a referee less lenient. The Police defenders would be well advised not to try the same

tricks in their match against Club this afternoon, as the Club can also give, as well as take.

Another record crowd is expected at Caroline Hill tomorrow afternoon, when a Hong Kong XI meet the Koreans in a friendly match. The Koreans are leaving Hong Kong for Saigon on Tuesday.

It was originally announced that this match would be played between Combined Chinese and the Koreans, but owing to certain differences of opinion, it was finally decided that a Hong Kong XI and not the Combined Chinese should meet the visitors.

As the Koreans have had a chance to rest during the past few days, it is fully expected that they will be able to take the field fresh and fit once again.

Formidable Combination
On paper, the Hong Kong XI is quite a formidable combination and if the players will concentrate on the game instead of the player, spectators may look forward to a game as good, if not better, than that played on Tuesday.

The practice of Mr. Pao Kuan in moving up and down the touch line, shouting instructions to players and so on, again came under fire during the week as a result of his actions during the Korean series over the New Year holidays.

Mr. Kuan's actions were not only disconcerting to the players, but to spectators as well, particularly the VIPs, who were sitting in the front row.

The arrangements at Caroline Hill during the Korean series were excellent and the able manner in which the record crowd was handled reflects great credit on the HKFA Grounds Committee, which is to be congratulated for its efficiency and foresight.

Criticism of the action of the HKFA in refusing referees admission to the Korean series for fear of charge is still being voiced in certain quarters.

Referees' Admission

It has been pointed out that under Rule 70 of the Rules of the HKFA, all referees and linesmen are, on production of their Cards, entitled to attend all games, except charity games, free of charge.

For this reason and having regard to the fact that the Rules of

First Prize HK\$440,000

Cash Sweep tickets sold by the Hong Kong Jockey Club on the Hong Kong Derby, to be run at the Annual Race Meeting 1949, totalled more than 970,000 yesterday.

The first prize was worth approximately 430,000 at 5 p.m. yesterday.

The HKFA can only be altered at the Annual General Meeting of Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association, it is being insisted that the referees have been given a vote.

The present situation is greatly to be deplored and it is hoped that, in the interests of the game, officials of the HKFA and the referees will get together and settle whatever differences exist in an amicable manner.

Week-End Soccer
TODAY
JUNIOR DIVISION SHIELD
Club v Police, 3.15 p.m.; Eastern v Kit Chee, 3.15 p.m.; Eastern v Kit Chee, 3.15 p.m.; Eastern v Kit Chee, 3.15 p.m.

ARMY v ST. JOSEPH'S, Sookunpoo, 3.15 p.m.; Eastern v Kit Chee, 3.15 p.m.; Eastern v Kit Chee, 3.15 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION SHIELD
Tactics v Dicks, 2 p.m.; Eastern v Kit Chee, 2 p.m.; Eastern v Kit Chee, 2 p.m.

THIRD DIVISION SHIELD
Tactics v Dicks, 2 p.m.; Eastern v Kit Chee, 2 p.m.; Eastern v Kit Chee, 2 p.m.

FOURTH DIVISION SHIELD
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FIFTH DIVISION SHIELD
Tactics v Dicks, 2 p.m.; Eastern v Kit Chee, 2 p.m.; Eastern v Kit Chee, 2 p.m.

SIXTH DIVISION SHIELD
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SEVENTH DIVISION SHIELD
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EIGHTH DIVISION SHIELD
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NINTH DIVISION SHIELD
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TENTH DIVISION SHIELD
Tactics v Dicks, 2 p.m.; Eastern v Kit Chee, 2 p.m.; Eastern v Kit Chee, 2 p.m.

ELEVENTH DIVISION SHIELD
Tactics v Dicks, 2 p.m.; Eastern v Kit Chee, 2 p.m.; Eastern v Kit Chee, 2 p.m.

Twelfth Division Shield
Tactics v Dicks, 2 p.m.; Eastern v Kit Chee, 2 p.m.; Eastern v Kit Chee, 2 p.m.

Thirteenth Division Shield
Tactics v Dicks, 2 p.m.; Eastern v Kit Chee, 2 p.m.; Eastern v Kit Chee, 2 p.m.

Fourteenth Division Shield
Tactics v Dicks, 2 p.m.; Eastern v Kit Chee, 2 p.m.; Eastern v Kit Chee, 2 p.m.

France Wants Action On European Council

Paris, January 7.

France, supported by the three Benelux countries, today called for prompt steps towards the creation of a European Consultative Parliament and European Council.

A spokesman for the French Foreign Ministry says France wants the five power European Unity Committee to meet as soon as possible to prepare a report on the Parliament and Council projects before January 26.

He says Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg share this feeling.

January 26 is the opening of the regular quarterly session of the Foreign Ministers from the five Brussels pact nations—Britain, France and the Benelux countries. The Ministers' meeting this time is in London.

French officials stress the need for a speedy meeting of the

Committee in agreeing to Britain's request for a postponement of the Committee's session previously fixed for Thursday.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, asked for additional time to examine a report on its unification project drafted by a sub-committee but did not suggest an alternative date.

It is believed that the French Minister, M. Robert Schuman will propose an alternative date during the conversations he is to have with Mr. Bevin in London next week. French spokesmen, however, decline to comment on this.

Insurance Agreement Cancelled

The working agreement between the American Bureau of Shipping and Lloyd's Register of Shipping, signed in London on June 8 last to become effective January 12, will not be carried out, it was learned yesterday.

Lloyd's Register of Shipping has notified the American Bureau of Shipping that, owing to objections raised by various private interests in Great Britain, it is not prepared to carry out its agreement of June 8 last.

Accordingly, the American Bureau of Shipping, commencing early in 1949, will be represented in Great Britain and in all the principal ports of the world by its own representatives.

The American Bureau of Shipping is a non-profit organization whose membership consists of leading American shipowners, shippers, underwriters, and representatives of the United States Maritime Commission, the Army, the Navy, and the Coast Guard.

Its function is to set standards for the building and physical maintenance of ships. Lloyd's Register of Shipping is also engaged in the business of classifying ships and, in general, performs similar functions to those of the American Bureau.

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P I MODIFIES CONTROLS

Manila, January 7.
The Malacanan announces that certain modifications in the application of import control regulations have been approved by the Cabinet as a result of requests from the Philippine-American Chamber of Commerce of New York and the Consul-General in New York, Mr. Jose Melencio-United Press.

CLUB FIFTEEN

The following will represent Club v R.A.F.-HK Police in a rugby match on the Navy ground, Causeway Bay at 3.15 this afternoon:
Lecinan, Robinson, Franklin, Henderson, de Rome, Nolin, Henderson, Carrel, Moffat, Hutson, Brown, Bowan, Farquharson, Minto and Warne.

Broadcast Revenue

Hong Kong's revenue from broadcast receiving licences will be almost doubled by the end of the next financial year.

The price of an annual licence for an ordinary radio-receiving set was increased from HK\$12 to HK\$20 by the Postmaster General yesterday.

The increased rate affects new licences and renewal of old licences.

More than 30,000 licences have been issued during the past year.

Now rates for other radio-communication licences issued by the General Post Office were also published in the Government Gazette yesterday.

They are: Ship Station, HK\$25; Aircraft Station, HK\$25; Radio Dealers, HK\$25; Wireless Telegraphy, HK\$100; Limited Receiving and Publishing Radio Station, HK\$200; Amateur Station, HK\$12 (if power used is 10 watts); HK\$25 (if power used is 25 watts); and HK\$40 (if power used exceeds 25 watts).

Schuman in London

M. Schuman is to be in London next Wednesday and Thursday accompanied by French officials who have acquired knowledge of issues ranging from European unity to the Ruhr, Palestine and the Italian colonies.

The spokesman says France cannot see the need for delaying the Unity Committee's work since it is merely a study group which will make proposals and does not have any authority to make decisions binding upon the Governments.

The spokesman recalls the text of the five power communiqué drafted in Paris in October at the last meeting of the Foreign Ministers.

Indispensable

He points out that this explicitly stated in a report of the European Federation should be presented to the Ministers at their next meeting.

He says it is indispensable that the studies on Federation be pursued and the terms of the October communiqué carried out.

The spokesman admits there are still problems confronting the nations particularly in reconciling divergent views held by Britain and France. These problems can never be overcome, he adds, unless the studies are continued.—Associated Press.

Four Chinese Impersonate PHD Coolies

"Keep your city clean" placards have been placed in every conspicuous corner of the city, and the Health Department has been overworked in their endeavour to enforce the regulation.

Fines inflicted on offenders have been increased daily.

Seizing the opportunity of preying on such offenders, racketeers have made it a profitable business to lie in wait at likely places, and claiming to be officers of the Health Department, demand sums up to \$10 for this racket.

Yesterday, at Central courts Lo Li, aged 21, and Wong Keek, aged 22, were charged with committing public mischief by impersonating scavenging coolies of the Health Department. They pleaded guilty and were sentenced to four months' imprisonment each and recommended for banishment.

FRANCO'S LOOK AT THE FUTURE

Madrid, January 6.
General Francisco Franco said here today: "The world is marching at a gigantic pace towards a social era which is compatible with faith, order, honour, tradition and patriotism. Call of which Communism is trying to destroy by plunging people into chaos and barbarism."

General Franco, who was addressing military leaders who he called to convey their homage and support on the Feast of the Epiphany, declared: "The conscience of the people who, because they happen to be far removed from Communist areas, consider Communism is almost inoffensive, has now been aroused."

He said: "I have put it so well as a more famous and more competent commander put his in Biblical times, I follow his example and leave to the free choice of the people saying, as he did, 'but as for me and my house, we will serve.'"

Canucks Clash With Americans At Softball

(By "GRANDSTAND")

The Festive Season being over, the pennant race resumes with renewed vigour as the Canucks clash with the Americans tomorrow to highlight the week-end seven game programme. The Americans hit the skids after their first few games early in the season, but seemed to have regained their stride with recent victories, and should give the Canucks, who are headed for Pennantville, a run for their money.

Aims, Purposes Of Defence Force In H.K. Outlined

(Continued from Page 1)

It also will have a Service wing (the Home Guard) and an Essential Services Wing. The services of this valuable bloc of manpower will thus be earmarked in advance, and in an emergency the Director of Manpower will not have to start recruiting his people, but will simply take over the already organised Essential Service Wings of the Auxiliary Forces.

Key Post Group

One important group is the Key Post Group. Their mission from this scheme is due to the fact that they have not yet been decided whether they shall be included in the Force or not, explained Colonel Ride. If it is finally decided to include them, they will also be accommodated in these two Auxiliary Components.

He added: "If we draft men into the Companies in the old line, we are quite liable to have one company only 20 or 40 strong, a state of affairs impossible in modern army organization; nor could such a battalion operate efficiently. Racial grouping must be cut down."

He said: "You may rest assured that where possible racial grouping will be adhered to in the posting of officers within the Battalion; but what we want everyone to realise is that in future officers will be of any one group, and as such they will be competent to hold any post of their rank."

The only difference in pay, he said, will be the minor difference that exist between the pay scales of the services, which he said is merely a study group, which will make proposals and does not have any authority to make decisions binding upon the Governments.

The spokesman recalls the text of the five power communiqué drafted in Paris in October at the last meeting of the Foreign Ministers.

Main Change

The main change in the condition of service is the liability, if the Volunteer is willing to serve outside the limits of the Colony in an emergency without loss of status.

"First of all," said Colonel Ride, "I want to say most categorically this has not been introduced in order that Hong Kong's man power may be sent overseas as an expeditionary force."

"There are two safeguards which will prevent all change in the Ordinance from being used for a purpose; first before a volunteer can serve outside the Colony he must have declared in writing that he is willing to embark on such service."

"Secondly, 'the Governor with the advice and consent of the Executive Council' must satisfy himself that such service would be in the interest of the Colony and for its defence."

At no time in the planning of this Force was the recreation scheme ever considered as bait to entice the unwary and the green horns into the volunteer net, said Colonel Ride.

Four, Statements

He concluded: "I leave it with you with four statements: 'I am convinced that there are many parts to be played in the scheme of local defence which can be played by no one better than by local volunteers.'"

"I am convinced that the Force is an envisaged form of an adequate basis for the efficient and economic use of these special capabilities of our men and women."

"I am convinced that the Force as envisaged will provide that common ground for mutual service and understanding which is the only basis on which a community such as ours can hope to exist and prosper in the world as it is today."

"I am convinced that the full scheme will go a long way towards building up a justifiable civic pride in the Colony to which I for one am proud to belong."

"I am convinced that the Force with equal pride, and although I have not put it so well as a more famous and more competent commander put his in Biblical times, I follow his example and leave to the free choice of the people saying, as he did, 'but as for me and my house, we will serve.'"

GOLF STARTING TIMES

OLD COURSE
Sunday, January 9
9.20 to 10.00 Reserved for Junior Champions
10.00 to 10.30 A.B. Selby-N.A. Brown
10.30 to 11.00 P. Wilkinson-R.L.S. Webb

Khalsa, the team with surprise, will be out to avenge a former humiliation as they tangle with VRC in the nightcap.

The girls round the bend into the home-stretch as the Wahoes cross bats with the Pirates to start off the third and final round of the Ladies League.

The only junior tilt is between the Vikings and the tenne-leading Braves.

Bill Woo's Canucks, faltered into a slump as they completed their first half commitments by losing two in a row—first to VRC then to the Merry Madcaps—and can ill afford to drop another decision if they are to stay in the running for the flag.

Of the two games arranged for the lunch hour, the Basehitters—Chung Hwa scuffle promises more excitement than the Saints—Overseas frays, as the Saints should have no difficulty in accounting for the weaker Overseas nine.

The former tilt is more evenly matched and the Basehitters who won the first round game against Dick Chung's outfit, might find the tables reversed as they come up against a revitalised squad.

For those who love a close game with the decision resting on every play, this is the game to watch.

Lackadaisical Attitude
Buster Holland's Merry Madcaps take on the unpredictable Filipinos. The Islanders have adopted a lackadaisical attitude by losing games which they should have won, and surprised opponents when they do not even stand the candle of a chance. The giant-killing Islanders, gave the Saints a scare recently, and if they settle down might upset the Madcap wagon.

Narinder Singh's Khalsas have shown a spark of brilliance now and again, especially when the chips are down, but lack power at the plate to be pennant contenders. Knowing VRC, the Khalsas will probably adopt the so-called 'lacy-pants' strategy by hunting for runs. However, Charlie Figueroa's ace hurler Joey Franco is not likely to be unprepared for this, and will be bearing down on every pitch.

The nod goes to the Vikings, the blue Corsairs should be able to go places, but good pitchers are not easy to find these days.

Amazing Fact
It is not commonly known, but a check up has revealed the amazing fact that Irene Castillo holds the record for most consecutive league games played, having taken part in every game since 1938—and that was a long time ago. Even during the war years, when softball moved over to Macao, Irene was out there rain or shine. No wonder she is known as Miss Shortstop around the circuit.

Rumours swirl around the circuit that the Recreo players are under suspicion, and therefore, ineligible for participation in the International Series.

The present position is that, although Charlie Figueroa, manager of the Portuguese team, has been notified verbally by an official of the Association that Recreo players will be disqualified from playing, official notice in writing has not been given.

On the other hand, it is understood that the Club de Recreo has been requested to bar players from participating in the International Series simply because they have not supported the League, does not warrant the penalty.

This step is a drastic one and is hardly fair to the Portuguese community as a whole. To bar players from participating in the International Series simply because they have not supported the League, does not warrant the penalty.

Some Refrained
There are several Portuguese girls in the Ladies International, who have refrained from playing in the league this year, and yet

they are permitted to take part in the Series.

It is also open knowledge, that several players of the withdrawn Khalsa team are still keen on playing ball, but cannot turn up for their home team simply because there is an insufficient number of players to form a side. The Association requires a minimum of twelve names on the roster.

Fortunately, Portugal is not yet called upon to play off their first game of the Series, which does not fall due until the Chinese New Year Holidays, and there is still time for the Association to reconsider their decision, unless they are in possession of some other information which justifies their action. If so, it's possible that will remove a great deal of wild speculation.

WEEK-END PROGRAMME & UMPIRE ROSTER
SENIOR LEAGUE
Sunday: Recreo Football Ground; 10.30 a.m. Madcaps vs. Filipinos (Avito Campos, Cleo, Rosario, Edo, Almeida); noon, Basehitters vs. Chung Hwa (Sabu Samy, Maurice Verlysen, Luiz Rocha); 2.00 p.m. Americans vs. Canucks (Doc Molthen, Dick Chung, P. C. Wong); 4.00 p.m. Ground: noon, SL Joseph's vs. Overseas (SL Figueroa, S. H. Khan, Nugget Eyrehead); 2.00 p.m. Khalsa vs. VRC (Hil Wingick, Bimby Ahlous, Frank Poon).

JUNIOR LEAGUE
Saturday: Recreo Football Ground; Vikings vs. Braves (Philo Remmelles, Ollie Vaz, Emil Leon).

LADIES LEAGUE
Saturday: Recreo Football Ground; Pirates vs. Wahoes (Bill Silva, Robin Hill, Frankie Vaz).

RACIAL ISSUE IN BOWLING

Atlantic City, January 6.
The Mayor of this famous seaside resort, Mr. Joseph A. Altman, has been asked to ban the annual American bowling (skittles) tournament because Negroes are not allowed to compete.

The request is made by the Congress of Industrial Organizations which accuses the organizers of the tournament of racial discrimination.

Mr. Altman, replying to the request, says that it will be impossible for him to ban the tournament at this stage.—Reuter.

WOMAN ATHLETE OF THE YEAR
New York, January 6.
Mrs. Fanny Koen, the Dutch mother who won four Gold Medals at the London Olympic Games, has been named Woman Athlete of the year for 1948 in a poll of United States sports writers.

For the last three years Mrs. Mildred (Babe) Zaharias, the American golf star, has held the title.

Mrs. Koen, after winning the Olympic 100 and 200 metres sprints, set up a new world and Olympic record in the 60 metres hurdles, and also ran in the successful Dutch women's 400 metres relay team.—Reuter.

NEW WELSH CAPS
Cardiff, January 6.
Three new "Caps" in the Wales rugby team to meet England here on January 16 were awarded today.

They are E. Coleman, A. Meredith and R. Cale, all forwards.

Tel. team is: F. Trot, K. Jones, J. Matthews, P. Williams, L. Williams, H. Tanner, G. Davies, C. Coleman, W. Travers, D. Jones, A. Meredith, J.G. Williams, R. Cale, R. Stephens and G. Evans.—Reuter.

JARDINES XI
The following team will represent Jardines in the game against Butterfield & Swire on Sunday, January 9, at 11 a.m. at the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground: D.F. Llandilo, D.S. Middleton, C. Barclay, A.L. Rickotts, J.V. Bellamy, A.S. Grant, G.M. Mills, J. Hawthorn, J. Tamiolo, C.L.C. Blot and N.H. Bagley. 12th man: W.A. Hux.

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